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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
WESTMORELAND
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

AND

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND

TOWN CLERK	399-7211	Mon. & Wed.	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
		Tues. & Wed.	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
		Friday	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
		CLOSED HOLIDAYS	

TAX COLLECTOR	399-7211	Mon. & Wed.	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
		Tues. & Wed.	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
		Friday	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
		CLOSED HOLIDAYS	

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	399-4471	Tues., Thurs., Fri.	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
		Wednesday	12:00 PM - 7:30 PM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN		1 st & 3 rd Thur., every month,	7:00 PM
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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		2 nd Tuesday of every month,	7:30 PM
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PLANNING BOARD		2 nd Tuesday of every month,	7:30 PM
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION		1 st Tuesday of every month,	7:00 PM
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OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE	756-3672
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CONSTABLE	357-7305
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TO RESERVE TOWN HALL	399-4471
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NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE DURING SELECTMEN'S OFFICE HOURS


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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

The year 2003 started out cold and snowy. The summer seemed to be fairly normal until August. Two storm systems hit Westmoreland within the same week. The highway crew had just gotten roads passable when the second storm hit. That storm devastated many roads within Westmoreland. The only way in or out of town was through Route 63 North to Walpole.

We would like to thank those residents, local towns and volunteers that helped to get the roads passable. We spent the next 3 months getting a Disaster Declaration from the President and FEMA. The highway crew deserves a huge "Thank You" for all the hours spent during the spring mud season and the town flood.

Other town business included the following items:

- The one-ton highway truck was delivered and is working well.
- The property revaluation was completed.
- The fire truck and the highway truck are now paid off.
- The fire department well was installed and has an adequate supply of water.

Once again we thank all the towns people who volunteered their time to help the town be a great place to live.

Board of Selectmen, Town of Westmoreland
Michael Reed, Russ Austin, David Putnam

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Michael Reed, Chm. G.Russell Austin David Putnam

MODERATOR

Peter Heed

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Elaine Clement Hall

TOWN CLERK

Cindi H. Adler

TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

TREASURER

JoAnn LaBarre Theresa Russell

CUSTODIAN

Gweneth H. Frost

AUDITORS

Susan Reed Robert Moore, Jr.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Marcia Starkey Barbara Messer Dorothy Thompson

CONSTABLE

James A. Cemorelis

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Patrick Baker Russell Kotfila George Nitschelm

LIBRARIAN

Mary Crowther

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

Susan West, Chm. Terry Cox Peter Longsjo Cindy Cote
Jayne Burnett

ROAD AGENT

Gary Hudson

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Tina Fletcher Karen LeDuc

WELFARE OFFICER

Elaine Moore

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

JoAnn LaBarre Carlson Barrett Donald Hall

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Robert Moore, Chm. Kelly Goodrich Wesley Staples
Michael Acerno, Jr.

PLANNING BOARD

Lauren Bressett, Co-Chm. Linn Starkey, Jr. Co-Chm. Laurie Burt
James Ashworth Walter Derjue, Alt.
Michael Reed Alan Johnson Jeff Ingram Elaine Hall, Secy.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Peter Remy, Chm. Brenda Shelley Barry Shonbeck John Burt
Brian Merry April Ferguson, Alt.
Russell Huntley, Alt. Helen Draper, Clk.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

R. Bruce Smith

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Linn Starkey, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER

William Huntley

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Edward Messer

WANTASTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Gwen Mitchell Stuart Adams James Blake

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Marshall Patmos, Chm. Jeff Smith James Blake Walter Derjue
George Duke Robert Moore, Jr. John Lukin

RECREATION COMMISSION

Susan Harris David Bressett Marc Ferenc Thomas Ainsworth
David Shelley

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

William Howland, Pres. William Hunter, V.P. Sally Hatt, Secy.

JOINT LOSS COMMITTEE

Elaine Moore, Chm. Steven Houle Gary Hudson Barbara Chase

FINANCIAL REPORT

Board of Selectmen
For the Year Ending December 31, 2003
Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$264,208.80
Cash Investment		854,598.20
Cash Conservation Fund		5,353.62
Cash Capital Reserve Funds		99,668.50
Unredeemed Taxes:	Levy of 2002	25,014.76
	Levy of 2001	29,955.32
	Prior Taxes	38,958.68
Uncollected Taxes:	Levy of 2003 (including all Taxes)	176,986.90
Accounts Receivable:	FEMA/Storm Damage	115,330.00
	Fire Dept. Camera	8,456.47
Less Allowance for Abatements		(18,646.00)
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,599,885.25

Liabilities & Fund Equity

Accounts Owed by the Town:	School Tax Payable		998,134.00
	FEMA/Storm Damage		94,661.24
Special Revenue Fund:	Conservation		5,353.62
Capital Reserve Funds:			99,668.50
	Bridge Rebuilding	20,169.00	
	Cruiser	7,901.26	
	Fire Truck	10,085.21	
	Highway Truck	10,981.88	
	Landfill Closure	50,008.04	
	Revaluation	523.11	
Total Liabilities			1,197,817.36
Fund Equity:			
	Reserved:		100,673.67
	Engineering	55,973.67	
	Map Digitizing	4,200.00	
	Town Hall Repairs	500.00	
	Bridge Repair	40,000.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 2002		204,271.17	
Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) December 2003		97,123.05	
Total Fund Equity			402,067.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES			\$1,599,885.25

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11:00AM TO 7:00PM

To the inhabitants of the Town of WESTMORELAND in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Westmoreland on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, 2004 **at 11 of the clock** in the forenoon, to act upon the following subject:

Article 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2 To see if the voters will approve the Zoning changes as proposed by the Planning Board. (Copies on file in the Town Clerk office)

Following the counting of ballots, the meeting will recess until 7:00PM March 10, 2004 at the Westmoreland School gymnasium.

Article 3 To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative thereto.

Article 4 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred-fifteen-thousand dollars (\$115,000) to purchase a new highway truck with plows and an all season body; and to authorize the issuance of not more than forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; with the balance of seventy-five-thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be raised by taxation. 2/3 ballot vote is required. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 5 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the 1994 International highway truck as they see fit.

Article 6 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement not to exceed one-hundred-five-thousand, four-hundred-eighty dollars (\$105,480), payable over a term of five years, for all General Assessing, Data Verification, Annual Updates, and a 2008 Full Assessment of the town; and, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,096 for the first year's payment for that purpose. 2/3 ballot vote is required. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 7 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) to purchase a Pumper/Tanker for the Fire Department. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 8 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-three-hundred dollars (\$6,300) to restore the Warner Curtain in the Town Hall. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 9 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase a computer and vehicle registration software for the Town Clerk office. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.

- Article 10 To see if the town will approve the following question: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1-C which authorize any town or city to elect NOT to assess, levy and collect a Resident Tax?
- Article 11 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.
- Article 12 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.
- Article 13 In accordance with RSA 35:15, to see if the town will vote to name the Selectmen as agents of the following Capital Reserve Funds: Highway Truck, Cruiser, Fire Truck and Bridge Rebuilding.
- Article 14 To see if the town will vote to increase the Disabled Veteran's Exemption from seven-hundred dollars (\$700) to fourteen-hundred dollars (\$1,400).
- Article 15 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$40 for the library and to use the 2003 interest from the Jotham Lord Fund for this purpose. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.
- Article 16 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$702,876, which represents the operating budget; said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

	Actual Appropriation 2003	Actual Expenditures 2003	Selectmen's Budget 2004	Budget Committee Recommended 2004
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130 Executive	44,232.00	42,550.20	37,795.00	37,795.00
4140 Elec. Reg. & Vital Stats.	18,905.00	18,300.47	21,645.00	21,645.00
4150 Financial Administration	17,599.00	17,921.47	17,740.00	17,740.00
4153 Legal Expenses	6,000.00	400.92	6,000.00	6,000.00
4155 Personnel Administration	0.00	0.00	51,290.00	51,290.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	4,909.00	3,744.36	4,082.00	4,082.00
4194 General Government Bldg.	18,837.00	18,968.71	14,265.00	14,265.00
4195 Cemeteries	4,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
4196 Insurance Not Allocated	6,300.00	4,584.66	12,077.00	12,077.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210 Police	7,910.00	7,823.05	7,450.00	7,450.00
4215 Ambulance	7,000.00	6,676.95	7,000.00	7,000.00
4220 Fire & Rescue	20,080.00	20,050.35	20,080.00	20,080.00
4240 Building Inspection	3,015.00	5,537.91	3,500.00	3,500.00
4290 Emergency Management	1,015.00	200.41	1,000.00	1,000.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311 Highway Administration	126,208.00	121,777.77	104,083.00	104,083.00
4312 Highways & Streets	231,850.00	208,759.90	235,850.00	235,850.00
4316 Street Lighting	2,000.00	2,268.29	2,300.00	2,300.00
SANITATION				
4324 Solid Waste & Recycling	65,500.00	71,508.40	75,730.00	75,730.00
HEALTH				
4411 Health Officer	108.00	107.65	100.00	100.00
4414 Animal Control	120.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4415 Health Agencies/Hospitals	4,700.00	4,700.00	4,700.00	4,700.00
WELFARE				
4441 Welfare Officer	108.00	107.65	100.00	100.00
4442 Direct Assistance	5,000.00	314.75	3,000.00	3,000.00
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520 Parks & Recreation	4,475.00	4,375.00	4,475.00	4,475.00
4550 Library	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	400.00	291.33	400.00	400.00

	Actual Appropriation 2003	Actual Expenditures 2003	Selectmen's Budget 2004	Budget Committee Recommended 2004
CONSERVATION				
4619 Conservation Commission	800.00	310.00	575.00	575.00
DEBT SERVICE				
4711 Principal - Highway Truck	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
4711 Principal - Fire Truck	10,768.00	10,767.89	0.00	0.00
4711 Loader/Backhoe	26,717.00	26,716.50	28,014.00	28,014.00
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans	6,422.00	6,359.24	3,525.00	3,525.00
4723 Interest on TAN	4,000.00	3,017.33	4,000.00	4,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4902 *1-Ton Highway Truck	65,000.00	60,809.50	0.00	0.00
4902 * Highway Truck	0.00	0.00	115,000.00	115,000.00
4903 *Fire House Well	4,000.00	3,832.45	0.00	0.00
4909 *Map Digitizing	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00	0.00
4909 *Bridge Repair	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	0.00
4909 *Fire Dept. Pumper	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
4909 *Warner Curtain Restoration	0.00	0.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
4909 *Town Clerk Computer/Software	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4909 *Property Assessing	0.00	0.00	21,100.00	21,100.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4912 Transfer to spcl. Rev. fund	0.00	5,350.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
4915 *Capital Res-Fire Truck	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
4915 *Capital Res-Highway Equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
4915 *Landfill Closure	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Budget	691,978.00	660,491.00	702,876.00	702,876.00
*Special/Individual Warrant Articles	183,200.00	178,842.00	172,400.00	172,400.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	875,178.00	839,333.11	875,276.00	875,276.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of Taxes				536,474.00
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School & County Taxes)				338,802.00

Budget Com: Chm Robert Moore, Jr. Wesley Staples

Kelly Goodrich

Michael Reed

Michael Acerno, Jr.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
<u>TAXES</u>			
3120 Land Use Change Tax	\$10,000.00	\$10,700	6,000
3180 Resident Taxes	\$9,000.00	\$10,740	9,500
3185 Yield Taxes	\$7,500.00	\$38,719	10,000
3187 Excavation Tax	\$2,400.00	\$3,611	2,400
3190 Interest & Penalties-Taxes	\$13,500.00	\$9,885	8,800
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES</u>			
3210 Business Licenses & Permits	\$800.00	\$900	800
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$255,000.00	\$260,669	251,500
3230 Building Permits	\$2,800.00	\$5,144	3,500
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$4,185.00	\$4,697	3,855
3319 Federal Disaster Relief 2/03	\$0.00	\$2,207	0
<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3351 Shared Revenue	\$9,686.00	\$17,819	10,000
3352 Rooms & Meals	\$53,934.00	\$53,934	50,000
3353 Highway Block Grant	\$68,871.75	\$68,872	60,000
3356 Forest Land Reimbursement	\$29.00	\$29	29
3359 Other	\$100.00	\$4,980	100
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401 Income from Departments	\$2,100.00	\$2,882	2,000
<u>SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY</u>			
3501 Sale of Town Owned Property	\$15,500.00	\$12,500	15,000
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3502 Interest	\$1,150.00	\$10,322	8,000
3503 Rent of Property	\$450.00	\$4,525	4,300
3506 Insurance Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$2,852	500
3509 Other	\$50.00	\$1,092	150
<u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</u>			
3915 Capital Reserve Fund - Revaluation	\$0.00	\$7,516	0
3916 Trust Funds	\$30.00	\$31	40
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
3934 Proceeds from Long Term Notes	\$0.00	\$0	40,000
3939 Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$0.00	\$0	50,000
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	\$457,086	\$534,626	\$536,474.00

TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 12, 2003

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Pro-Tem, Donald E. Hall on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 11:00 am with the readings of Article One of the Town Warrant and Article One of the School Warrant, and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 12, 2003 for the Town Warrant and Friday, March 14, 2003 for the School Warrant each at 7:00 pm at the Westmoreland School after a recess. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

Moderator Peter Heed called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem.

ARTICLE ONE - To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of balloting were as follows: Total ballots cast were 383 of the registered 985 voters = 39%. *Declared elected by Moderator, Peter Heed. Moderator Rules of the Meeting were explained by Moderator Peter Heed.

For three years	Selectman	
	George Duke	98
	Kelly Goodrich	126
	David R. Putnam	141*
For one year	Town Clerk - Tax Collector	
	Cindi H. Adler	311*
	Porschia Mason	69
For one year	Town Treasurer	
	JoAnn LaBarre	372*
For one Year (2)	Briggs Fund Committee	
	Stan Castor, Jr.	8*
	Susan Castor	10*
	Tina Fletcher	4
	Karen LeDuc	2
For three years	Budget Committee	
	Kelly Goodrich	305*
For three years (2)	Trustee of the Library	
	Cynthia Cote	309*
	Susan West	306*
For two years	Auditor	
	Robert W. Moore, Jr.	5*
	Susan Reed	5*
For one year	Auditor	
	Elaine Moore	3*
	JoAnn LaBarre	2
	Robert Moore, Jr.	2

For one year	Overseer of Public Welfare	
	Elaine Moore	17*
	James Beeler	11
	Robert Moore, Jr.	8
For three years	Trustee of Trust Funds	
	Patrick Baker	33*
For three years	Cemetery Trustee	
	Carlson D. Barrett	353*

ARTICLE TWO - To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative thereto.

Article so moved by Russ Austin and Seconded by Lloyd Draper. No discussion. VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE THREE - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to purchase a one-ton truck for the Highway Department. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article three so moved by Russ Austin and Seconded by Lloyd Draper. Russ Austin then made motion for a Non-substantive (more of a Descriptive) Amendment to Article Three to "change two words, the two words that are hyphenated, one-ton, to F-550. There is no change in the money to be raised." Amendment to Article Three was moved by Gary Hudson and Seconded by Lloyd Draper. No discussion on the Amendment of Article Three and voted to Amend by VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE.

AMENDED ARTICLE THREE - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to purchase an F-550 truck for the Highway Department.

The Amended Article Three was brought to the floor for discussion, of which there was none and had VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE to pass.

ARTICLE FOUR - To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell the 1997 1-ton truck, plow, and sander as they see fit.

Article four so moved by Russ Austin and Seconded by George Haselton. There was no discussion. Article Four passed by VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE FIVE - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to drill a well at the Fire Department. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article five was moved by David Putnam and Seconded by Russ Austin. Mike Reed spoke to the Article stating that the problem with the well that is at the Fire Department now has very little water in it and the water that is in it has a very high concentration of salt. The salt is probably due to the wash-off from the salt put down on the roads. There is so little

water in the well that it is difficult to be able to wash the equipment when they come back from a call. There is also no water to wash the air packs and other equipment at the station. They received a quote from Cushing and Sons Well Drilling that came in just a shade under \$4,000 and with the right payment plan it is believed that they can get a discount from them also. They estimate that to hit the level of water we need to be at less than 200 feet. The state requirement for a salt-free well is 800 feet, but we don't believe we need to go that deep for our well as it is not really for water for people to drink, it is for washing equipment, etc. There was no other discussion. Article five was passed by VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE SIX - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$27,850) to pave .4 of a mile of Paine Road. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

There is a written request signed by five registered voters on this Article requesting a ballot vote. Article six so moved by Russ Austin and Seconded by Jack Laurent. The Moderator requested and introduction to the purpose of this article and an explanation as to which .4 mile this article refers to. Russ Austin spoke to this article stating that the Selectmen are suggesting that they pave starting at the bottom of the hill and up to about Foster's driveway. This was widened and prepared a few years ago. The Selectmen sent a letter to those who live on Paine Road to survey them as to their opinions regarding the paving proposal. Four of these households of the sixteen mailed to actually live on this section in question. Of the four in that section, three wished for paving, one opposed. "On the remaining other twelve surveyed we received thirteen responses." One was for paving, three never responded and nine opposed paving. The reason for the extra survey is that the owner and the ones renting the property both responded. The road had about \$12,000 worth of work two or three years ago to prepare it for paving. The fabric is starting to show through so we need to add more gravel and will need to every couple or three years to cover the fabric. He stated that for the same distance of gravelling this road, if it had been a level road, we would have been able to do 2½ miles for what it took to gravel .4 mile here. "We, as Selectmen, don't care one way or the other if it is paved or not, so we're bringing it to the town." Moderator (and now State Attorney General) Peter Heed stated that he's going to call for an Attorney General investigation on the number of responses to this letter. All kidding aside, "this is why we have Town Meetings to have everyone be able to voice their opinions," he said. He then opened the floor up for discussion stating that one doesn't have to live on the road to discuss this issue. Bill Hunter stated that he's lived here and driven over this road for 45 years - in the worst of times, and the best of times - right now it is the best of times. With pavement one has more hazard of ice - black ice - with gravel there is still traction. He appreciates the dirt roads and would like to see Paine Road remain dirt, personally. It has been maintained beautifully by the Highway Department. He hopes others will agree with him. Larry Siegel spoke to the article stating that he is the one who requested the ballot vote. He said the issue here is not whether anyone likes the dirt road or doesn't like dirt roads, the issue seems to be the economic factor. We passed out a hand-out showing other towns have inputted. This shows that the factor actually

is impacted the other way. The paving itself costs, oil prices are up, and that actually the paved road may cost more, providing it will be continued to be maintained. The survey shows that it has about twenty years to cover the cost of the initial outlay and then you have the factor of the steep paved road (check out Edgar Road in Spofford with its frost heaves right now). There is really no real significant cost issue either way in the long run, but there is a safety issue there. Those who walk it every day, whose kids are on the road a lot, horses ridden on the road, etc. the speed is sure to pick up on a paved road. Larry stated that he really loves Paine Road as it is and is begging the townspeople to vote this article down. Russ Austin stated that he spoke to Dick Delano regarding the safety factor, etc. and how he felt about taking the busses through there either way and Dick responded that it doesn't make one bit of difference to him whether it's paved or not. He didn't feel that there was a safety factor as far as the busses are concerned. Dianne Champion stated that she thought that now being a "Scenic Road" designation that it couldn't be paved anyway. The "Scenic Road" designation simply states that it has to go before the peoples if trees are taken down or alteration of stone walls are not allowed, it has nothing to do with paving stated Russ Austin. Brian Foster stated that he drove the road as a kid and moved away but has moved back to his rural spot to live. He opposes paving the road. Speed is one factor, and the Highway Department sometimes doesn't get to the road first thing in the morning, so ice and black ice are a factor. Donna Nightingale spoke against the article stating that she loves it the way it is, has kids, dogs, horses, and wants it to stay the way it is now. Evelyn Hunter asked why we are going through this all over again. The residents on this road stated their objection to paving this road before and so the town voted to pave McAdam Road instead. The new residents are the ones who wish to have it paved - why did they build on a dirt road then? Wes Staples spoke to the article in favor of paving stating that the road loses 1" gravel every year being gravel and the cost factor is tremendous. There has already been so much money invested in that road with fabric, covering it, etc. We need to finish it. Stephen Robbins spoke to the article opposing the paving. He said that he drives to Keene every day through Chesterfield, etc and by the time he gets back to Paine Road his fillings in his teeth are falling out from all the frost heaves, filled pot holes, etc. The road has rural character now. Start changing that now, what's next? He wishes to maintain the character of the road and neighborhood he lives on. Robert Harcke stated that the majority seems to be overwhelmingly against paving, is it possible to withdraw the ballot vote request? Moderator Peter Heed stated that it is possible if those who wrote it and signed it agreed. Larry Siegel spoke and said he is willing to recind the request for the ballot vote, and those who signed followed suit. Scott Talbot stated that he is one of the four that live on the piece of road in question. His wife can only afford a Dodge Neon and she bottoms out constantly. He stated that there is a definite water drainage problem on that section of road and if the town could fix that, it would help the road, and those living there. But the town needs to deal with the drainage problem TODAY. He plans to be there for a long time but he wants to see the town do something productive about that part of the road. Don Watson spoke to the article stating that he was sort of against the paving of McAdam Road but stayed out of it. Safety is a clear issue. Policy is to respect those who live on the road. Jeff Aldrich stated that speed is not a factor and that sooner or later it should be paved. Brian Foster stated that he invites ones to sit on his porch if they don't think speed is a factor on that road. He has lost 3 cats and at sunset there is a blinding area. The blind spot at his driveway is where the paving is to end. Nancy Zeller

stated that she is forever yelling, "SLOW DOWN!" to those speeding through on that road. She wants it to stay dirt. There is no real ice problem and they have a couple of bad days, then it's fine again. Evelyn Hunter stated that speed is a big issue. She walks her dog and has to get off the road. Says she has to make "evil hand gestures" to those going too fast. Pat Bentrup asked that in the mud season, regarding the fire trucks, do they have a problem and can they get through. The Fire Department stated they can get through. Article Six DEFEATED with a VOICE VOTE to the NEGATIVE.

ARTICLE SEVEN - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for bridges. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article seven so moved by Russ Austin and Seconded by Bill Hunter. Russ spoke to the article stating that we have \$20,000 in the capital reserve but we need the additional \$40,000. The State has sent us a list of the bridges that need work, including Spofford Road Bridge which they state is in need of repair. Some of the bridges are to posted for weight limits until they are repaired. Article Seven passes with VOICE VOTE to the AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE EIGHT - To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of closing the town land fill and to raise fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this. (Majority vote required)

Article eight so moved by Mike Reed and Seconded by Lloyd Draper. Mike Reed spoke to the article stating \$70,000 had been appropriated for engineering some of which has been used for bridge engineering. "The State contact has changed and this person requires more up front. More money is required up front for well testing, etc. We may have set the state on edge. We need to do all the testing up front. We should be drilling the wells this spring, we didn't get them done last fall. If we do all the testing up front and the level of contamination is below all state requirements and has not changed since the initial testing we did 10 - 15 years ago, it would be a good case for us for going forward for the next 30 years. We could reduce the sampling from three times a year to twice a year. It was felt that the initial cost up front and with the engineering costs of last year, we were able to bid this job out and get some very reasonable bids. We decided to spend the money up front to get the initial testing, the initial well done hoping that, and with the understanding from our engineering group that we could move forward, because the state mandates that we test those wells "X" many times a year for the next 30 years. So if we can reduce the number of times that we have to test them every year, it will greatly save us a lot of money, so that's what we've decided to do. What we've decided to do this year because the landfill isn't being closed, we decided to try to put a certain amount of money, and we chose \$50,000 just as a number, to put into a Capital Reserve for next year's closing. There is estimates up to \$300,000 to close the landfill, and I can tell you that that's pretty close - that it will be between \$250,000 and \$300,000. We're hoping to make that a long-term payback and the State also reimburses us for a certain percentage of costs that have incurred on the landfill but we have to pay the money up front. There are a couple of different ways that the landfill can be closed. One is to have a soil cap and one is to have a rubber membrane like you put on a rubber roof cap. In talking to the engineering staff, the State seems to lean

toward the rubber membrane. Once it is put on, you very rarely have to ever go back and do anything with it. They would rather be safe than sorry. So we decided to put the \$50,000 in this year to offset some of the costs that we believe will come next year. That's the only reason we've decided to put that in this year." Jack Laurent, our State Representative, spoke to the article stating that Russ alerted him that the bill that is going through that towns with 5,000 residents or fewer are exempt from the closing and costs if their landfills have no adverse affect on the environment. The list of towns included starts in 2004. He will put forth to try to amend some of the wording, but still recommends we establish this Capital Reserve Fund. "I will talk to the Selectmen and get the details and I will try my best to get the list amended to include our town." Russ Austin spoke to the article to encourage the town to still pass this article so that we can set this money aside and get started now. Article eight passes with VOICE VOTE to the AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE NINE - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two hundred dollars (\$4,200) for Map Digitizing. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not. (Majority vote required)

Article nine so moved by Russ Austin and Seconded by Lloyd Draper. Jim Blake spoke to the article stating that unlike the property line maps we now have, once these are inputted, it is very easy to change and correct. It produces overlays. Marshall Patmos stated that what this does is to help bring Town Planning into the 21st Century. It will benefit the Conservation Commission, farming, soil, etc. Tax maps are available at the touch of a button. It seems to be in line with the Master Plan and revaluation of the Town. The overlay of maps will help tremendously. Pat Bentrup stated that Fran always had a line item for maps and wondered if this was the end of it. Dick Frye asked who "owns" the data base for this when this is done or is this going to be costly to update. Jim Blake stated the Town will own the data base but changes will be done by the originators. Kelly Goodrich asked what the cost of maintenance / changes costs. Southwest Regional pays \$2,000 - \$3,000 on 10 changes per year. Kathleen Nitschelm asked if we, as citizens of the town, access this software. Marshall Patmos stated that anyone could, that the disc would be in the Town Hall. Walt Derjue stated that this is what it is coming to in the next 20 years. Marshall Patmos stated that anyone could help get this set up with him. Dick Frye stated that he would like to help, if able to have access to disc and load. There are so many software companies promising things. We don't need to spend \$4,200 unless we know we can use it. Elaine Moore stated that Walpole is going through the same thing. Article nine passes by VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE TEN - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not. (Majority vote required)

Article ten so moved by Mike Reed and Seconded by Lloyd Draper. Peter Head asked what kind of truck this was to go toward, "Is this a ^{one or two} Tonka Truck or what?" Mike Reed stated that it would probably be toward a new tanker or the tank on the old tanker would need replacing. We put it in so that we can update the equipment when we need it. Article ten passes by VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not.

Article eleven so moved by Russ Austin and Seconded by Barry Shonbeck. Mr. Austin spoke on the article stated that the Selectmen believe in the Capital Reserve Funds. It's not much to start but this way it is hoped that in two years when a new truck is needed, we can get one. Deb Perry asked if the money from the sale of the truck goes toward this. Russ Austin stated that he understands that whatever we get from the sale of the old truck, we can hold to reserve for this but we have to have the \$65,000 as an expenditure for the new truck and the money from the sale of the old truck as an income on listing. Bob Moore stated that we just gave the Highway Department \$65,000 for a new truck, so why are we giving them this too? Barry Shonbeck asked if this is for like a truck we just approved. Russ Austin stated that we have two large trucks now and this fund is to be able to replace one of those soon. Bob Callahan asked the ages of the trucks we have now. Gary Hudson, Road Agent stated that the 6-wheelers we have now are a 1994 and a 2001. Article eleven passes with VOICE VOTE to the AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE TWELVE - To see if the town will vote to increase the Disabled Veterans exemption from seven hundred dollars (\$700) to fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400). The Selectmen recommend this.

Article twelve so moved by Mike Reed and Seconded by Helen Draper. Russ Austin spoke to this article stating that the town presently has a \$700 tax credit for disabled veterans and would like to update it to what the state offers for the maximum RSA 72:35 IV.a. This has to be adopted by the town at a Town Meeting. It doesn't affect very many, but the Selectmen do recommend it. Article twelve passes with VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE.

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ARTICLE THIRTEEN - *To see if the Town will vote to designate Poocham Road and River Roads as Scenic Roads and to designate the Planning Board of the town to administer said designation in accordance with RSA 231:157 and RSA 251:158 of the State of New Hampshire. The Selectmen do not recommend this. (Majority vote required)

Article thirteen so moved by George Duke and Seconded by Jim Beeler. George Duke spoke to the article stating that he would like to see Poocham Road (from Paine Road) and River Road from the little Red School House included to preserve them from all the changes. Jack Laurent asked what the restrictions were and what he would have to go through to continue to tear down his stone walls, etc on his land to rebuild them, etc. Walter Derjue stated that they own 3000' road frontage on River Road and why should they have to go through another permit for any changes? Marshall Patmos stated that this just provides for a public process if the town is going to go in to change the roadway. Landowners are not restricted from making changes, just the town, electric company, telephone company, etc. Russ Austin stated that he was one of the original signers on the Paine Road Scenic designation. The designation is really not necessary and really doesn't do anything. It's kind of a "feel good kind of thing". It just means that they can't cut, move or damage trees with a circumference of 15" or larger and the second part involves the stone wall changes and removal. It does not stop paving or maintenance of the road. We have already spent time and money with advertising, etc. for the tree trimmers to meet with those on Paine Road and nobody shows up to the meetings other than the Planning Board, etc. Larry McFarland stated that

with all due respect, the town isn't going to pave the road unless they widen it first by cutting trees, stonewall removal etc., and they won't do that with strong opposition. Larry Siegel stated that he wishes that it was a stronger statute, but it doesn't require your approval once in place, it just gives one the opportunity to voice one's opinion at a hearing. Russ Austin stated that he has received two letters in opposition from land owners on the River Road. Wesley Staples stated that he has 300'-400' frontage and he can cut his own trees. Stephen Robbins stated that his concerns are for the twelve Maple trees along his road that are in jeopardy of being ruined by the maintenance of the roads. Bruce Cote stated that he thinks it is an unnecessary law, as an abutter - no one contacted him about the petition. He wonders why River Road was singled out for designation -- why not Spofford Road or Glebe Road? Article thirteen was too close to call by voice vote and was DEFEATED by HAND VOTE in the NEGATIVE. YES: 45, NO: 91

ARTICLE FOURTEEN - *To see if the Town of Westmoreland will pass a truth in voting clause stating that in each article presented "the cost to the tax payer in dollars per one hundred thousand dollars of assessed evaluation be stated, within said article to be voted on".

Article fourteen so moved by George Duke and Seconded by Bob Callahan. George Duke spoke to the article stating that every year we are asked "how much will this article affect our taxes?" Tim Thompson stated that he wished to publicly object to the wording -- he did not wish to Amend, just comment. Article fourteen DEFEATED by VOICE VOTE in the NEGATIVE.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN - *That we, the citizens of WESTMORELAND, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone including the self-employed, unemployed, and un- and underinsured, and small business owners have access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
 - Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local, and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
 - Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
 - That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.
- This resolution is non-binding and represents no fiscal impact.

Article fifteen so moved by Kathleen Nitschelm and Seconded by Leigh Marthe. John Thyng from Deering, New Hampshire spoke to the Resolution (Article) stating that they have gone to 150 towns about this. The reason behind this Resolution is to send a message, telling elected officials that our health care costs are too high. Small businesses are hit hard for insurance and healthcare costs. This has no fiscal impact on the Town of Westmoreland, it is simply a strong Resolution. Article fifteen PASSES with VOICE VOTE to the AFFIRMATIVE.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$685,978, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Article sixteen so moved by Mike Reed and Seconded by Larry Siegel. Jim Beeler posed Amendment to add \$6000 back into the Budget that the Budget

Committee cut (Line 4312 for \$5000 and Line 4442 for \$1000), and maybe another \$50 should be added for a new microphone (jokingly). Barry Shonbeck Seconded and asked what the \$5000 was in the Selectmen's Budget for. Russ Austin stated that \$5000 was in their budget of the Highway Department Repairs and Parts line because of the ever-increasing requests of the state. A new pump is needed for Diesel - the current one is extremely slow. Also, a fuel pad is needed to be poured around the pumps for the trucks for state regulations. Last year we only spent \$2881 in Welfare Department, but the prior year we were over budget with \$6636. The Selectmen would rather have the extra \$1000 in there for need. Wesley Staples stated that the Paine Road paving is still in the budget. Moderator Peter Heed explained that that is in the bottom line budget, not the operating budget, and will be removed from the bottom line figure. Amendment on Article sixteen is passed with VOICE VOIE in the AFFIRMATIVE.

AMENDED ARTICLE SIXTEEN - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$691,978, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Amended Article sixteen again went to the floor. Wesley Staples asked what is to be done with the new truck if the old truck is sold with all the added equipment? Gary Hudson stated that the figures on the new truck are: Truck is \$40,000 and the Plow, Sander & Extra Equipment is around \$34,000, so hopefully we can trade the old one in for the difference. Amended Article sixteen passes in the AFFIRMATIVE with VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN - To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Article seventeen was addressed by Marshall Patmos saying what a GREAT JOB Gary Hudson has done as our new Road Agent. Round of Applause. Also, we lost a lot of good people - two very special this year: Reggie Simino and Fran Laurent. They deserve special recognition in the minutes. Jim Beeler asked a question of the Selectmen regarding how the revaluation project was coming. Russ Austin stated that they were progressing. Avitar stated that as of the present they were ahead of schedule. The completion date set for everything is September 25, 2003. Prior to that time they will have the preliminary work done, new assessed valuation, set up time for a hearing and to discuss things with a representative. The state feels we are 85-90% of where we should be assessed. The next tax bills will be set on the new assessed rates. Larry Siegel stated that he wanted to recognize a few people: Lloyd Draper, who was one of our selectmen for the passed three years, Peter Beed, with his new position as State Attorney General, CONGRATULATIONS! and Jim Cemorellis as our new Constable. Round of Applause. Russ Austin then recognized Lloyd Draper for his years of service as Selectman. He had served for three years in the mid 90's, took three years off, then back for another three years. Round of Applause. Also, recognized by Russ Austin were Fran Laurent and Reg Simino for their many hours and sincerity in all they did for this town. They will be missed. Also, the Commissioners will be holding meetings in the surrounding towns. They will be meeting next Wednesday, at 7:00 pm at our Town Hall. These are open meetings and all are invited.

Town Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm by move of Russ Austin and Second by Barbara Messer. VOICE VOTE in the AFFIRMATIVE.

UnApproved Minutes.

Sincerely,



Gindi Adler, Town Clerk

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Inventory Valuation

Residential Land	\$49,708,300
Residential Buildings	73,175,900
Current Use Land	2,878,480
Commercial Land	7,411,700
Commercial Buildings	7,836,300
Manufactured Buildings	496,600
Public Utilities	2,473,500
NET VALUE PRIOR TO EXEMPTIONS	\$143,980,780
Exemptions to Value	277,200
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE	\$143,703,580

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall-Land & Buildings	404,175
Town Hall-Furniture & Equipment	34,000
Library-Land & Buildings	250,500
Library Contents	300,500
Police Department Equipment	2,500
Fire Department - Land & Buildings	134,725
Fire Department Contents	101,000
Highway Department - Land & Buildings	148,400
Highway Department Contents	101,000
Parks, Common, and Playgrounds	146,000
School - Land & Buildings	1,909,100
School Equipment	200,000
Historical Building & Contents	98,200
Transfer Station - Land & Buildings	120,700
Misc. Land (9 properties)	164,400
TOTAL TOWN OWNED PROPERTY	\$4,115,200

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive	\$44,232
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	18,905
Financial Administration	17,599
Legal Expense	6,000
Worker's Compensation	4,300
Planning & Zoning	4,909
General Government Building	18,837
Cemeteries	4,000
Contingency Fund	2,000
Police	7,910
Ambulance	7,000
Fire & Rescue	20,080
Building Inspector	3,015
Emergency Management	1,015
Highways & Streets	358,058
Street Lighting	2,000
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	65,500
Animal Control	120
Health Officer	108
Welfare - Direct Assistance	5,000
Welfare Officer	108
Health Agencies	4,700
Parks & Recreation	4,475
Library	23,000
Patriotic Purposes	400
Conservation Commission	800
Debt. Service - Fire Truck	10,768
Loader/Backhoe	26,717
Interest on TAN & Long Term	10,422
Highway Truck	20,000
Fire House Well	4,000
1 Ton Highway Truck	65,000
Map Digitizing	4,200
Bridge Repair	40,000
Capital Res. Fire Truck	10,000
Capital Res. Highway Equipment	10,000
Landfill Closure	50,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN	\$875,178
Less Revenues	457,086
Less Fund Balance Used	0
Less Shared Revenue	6,464
Add-War Service Credits	9,200
Add -Overlay	<u>10,415</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION	430,968
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX	1,236,006
STATE EDUCATION TAX	474,128
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT	<u>283,489</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY	\$2,424,591
Less-War Service Credits	<u>9,200</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$2,415,391
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	2403853
Less-ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	693,719
Less-STATE EDUCATION TAX	474128
	1,236,006

2003 Tax Rate	School - Local	\$8.60
	School - State	\$3.36
	County	\$1.97
	Town	<u>\$3.00</u>
		\$16.93

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2003

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive Office:

Administrative Assistant	26,499.98	
Consulting	1,290.00	
Selectmen	3,000.00	
Moderator	75.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	150.00	
Town Share Health Insurance	0.00	
Town Share Dental Insurance	0.00	
Town Share Retirement	1,330.29	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	2,358.91	
Printing	1,987.26	
Dues	1,011.08	
Notices	45.25	
Executive Tax Maps	137.00	
Equipment Agreements	1,171.63	
Equipment- Computer	2,622.93	
Supplies	707.30	
Postage & PO Fees	148.00	
Other	<u>15.57</u>	\$42,550.20

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk	3,699.96	
Town Clerk Fees	10,609.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	1,128.78	
Election Fees	20.88	
Supervisors of Checklist Fees	90.00	
Ballot Clerk Fees	120.00	
ER Interpreter Fees	0.00	
Printing	0.00	
Town Clerk Dues	40.00	
Notices	535.48	
Workshops	23.00	
Election Day Dinners	50.00	
Town Clerk Supplies	358.43	
Postage	557.90	
ER Town Clerk Publications	39.00	
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	825.04	
Vital Statistics	203.00	
Other	<u>0.00</u>	\$18,300.47

4150 Financial Administration:

Tax Collector	4,899.96	
Tax Collector Fees	2,480.00	
Auditors	300.00	
Treasurer	3,833.33	
Property Assessing	2,691.54	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	883.72	
Bank Charges	191.99	
Registry of Deeds/Probate	83.48	
Printing	435.50	
Dues	40.00	
Tax Collector Supplies	161.60	
Treasurer Supplies	567.55	
Postage	1,352.80	
Other	<u>0.00</u>	\$17,921.47

4153 Legal Expenses		400.92	
4155 Worker's Compensation		4584.66	
4191 Planning & Zoning:			
Clerk Fees/ZBA	195.01		
Maps	230.00		
Zoning Registry of Deeds	0.00		
Printing	311.12		
Dues	1,884.00		
Notices	595.39		
Supplies	3.57		
Postage	330.27		
Other	<u>195.00</u>		\$3,744.36
4194 General Government Buildings:			
Custodian	4,038.50		
Town Share FICA & Medicare	271.86		
Telephone	2,610.46		
Liability Insurance	2,460.17		
Property Insurance	2,360.17		
Electricity	1,010.25		
Heat	3,461.09		
Gas	75.53		
Repairs & Maintenance	1,596.20		
Supplies	269.48		
Mowing	815.00		
Other	<u>0.00</u>		\$18,968.71
4195 Cemeteries			\$4,000.00
4196 INA Contingency Fund			
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>			
4210 Police Department:			
Constable	6,000.00		
Town Share FICA & Medicare	459.00		
E&O Insurance	718.30		
Operation – Gasoline	0.00		
Supplies	510.00		
Other	<u>135.75</u>		\$7,823.05
4215 Ambulance - Contracted Service			\$6,676.95
4220 Fire & Rescue Departments:			
Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00		
Town Share FICA & Medicare	76.50		
F&R Telephone	285.62		
Training	1,230.00		
Radio Fee	1,000.00		
Electricity	542.32		
Heat	1,306.02		
E&O Insurance	513.08		
Life Insurance	190.00		
Vehicle Insurance	1,949.70		
Dues	150.00		
Office Supplies	42.28		
Vehicle Fuel	424.26		
Repairs	4,576.21		
Vehicle Inspection	98.00		
Equipment	<u>6,666.36</u>		\$20,050.35

4240 Building Inspection:		
Building Inspector Salary	5,144.37	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>393.54</u>	\$5,537.91
4290 Emergency Management:		
Forest Fire Control		\$200.41
<u>HIGHWAYS & STREETS</u>		
4311 Highway Administration:		
Wages	93,555.09	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	7,472.67	
Town Share Retirement	4,853.68	
Town Share Health Insurance	14,932.74	
Town Share Dental Insurance	<u>963.59</u>	\$121,777.77
4312 Highways & Streets:		
Telephone	692.28	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	218.00	
Electricity	1,054.20	
Heating Fuel	0.00	
Hired Equipment	1,605.50	
Vehicle Insurance	2,360.17	
Sand & Gravel	26,261.54	
Paving- Asphalt	80,510.15	
Paving- Shimming	8,595.03	
Salt & Chloride	39,831.28	
Culverts	3,025.94	
Vehicle Fuel	16,333.07	
Repairs & Parts	19,551.74	
Cutting Edges	2,425.63	
Tires	5,478.80	
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	86.00	
Other	<u>730.57</u>	\$208,759.90
4316 Street Lighting		\$2,268.29
<u>SANITATION</u>		
4324 Solid Waste Disposal:		
Recycling Employee	3,744.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	286.42	
Telephone	367.71	
Disposal Service	66,618.70	
Hazardous Waste Day	0.00	
Electricity	361.88	
Other	<u>129.69</u>	\$71,508.40
<u>HEALTH & WELFARE</u>		
4411Health Administration:		
Health Officer Salary	100.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>7.65</u>	\$107.65
4442 Welfare Direct Assistance		314.75
4441 Welfare Administration:		
Welfare Officer Salary	100.00	
Town Share FICA	<u>7.65</u>	\$107.65
4415 Health Agencies		
Monadnock Family Services	1,500.00	
Community Kitchen	2,000.00	
Home Healthcare	700.00	
Southwest Community Services	<u>500.00</u>	\$4,700.00

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520 Park & Recreation: Mowing		\$4,375.00
4550 Library:		
Library Salaries	15,457.00	
Town Share FICA & Medicare	1,182.46	
Transfer From Trust Funds	30.89	
Appropriation	<u>6,329.65</u>	\$23,000.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes-Flags		\$291.33

CONSERVATION

4611 Conservation:		
Commission Dues	175.00	
Maps	0.00	
Other	<u>135.00</u>	\$310.00

DEBT SERVICE

4711 Hwy Truck		20000
4711 Fire Truck		10767.89
4711 Loader/Backhoe		26716.5
4721 Interest on Long Term Loans		6359.24
4723 Short Term Interest on TAN		\$3,017.33

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4902 Highway Truck		\$60,809.50
4903 Fire House Well		\$3,832.45
4909 Bridge Repair		\$40,000.00
4909 Map Digitizing		\$4,200.00

Transfer To Spcl. Rev. Acct.		\$5,350.00
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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4915 Capital Reserve-Bridges		<u>\$70,000.00</u>
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TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES		\$839,333.11
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Abatements	1,550.00	
County Taxes	285,158.00	
Investment Transfer to NHPDIP and BNH	1,150,000.00	
Overpayment of Property Tax	4,290.96	
Overpayment MV Registration	175.00	
School District	2,026,779.00	
Short Term Principal (TAN)	700,000.00	
Taxes Bought By Town	37,741.75	
FEMA	391,879.70	
Fire Dept. Camera	<u>8,456.47</u>	

TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES		\$4,606,030.88
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GRAND TOTAL PAYMENTS		\$5,445,363.99
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TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND - January 1, 2003	\$1,374,392.26
Plus Receipts	\$5,188,082.12
Plus interest received Bank of New Hampshire	\$1,450.85
Plus interest received MBIA Investment	\$5.54
Plus interest received BNH Investment	<u>\$8,865.88</u>
	\$6,572,796.65
Less Payments	\$5,454,120.26
Plus voided checks	\$130.61
Less transfer to Conservation Commission	<u>\$5,350.00</u>
CASH ON HAND - December 31, 2003	\$1,118,807.00

Distribution of Cash on Hand General Fund Accounts	
Bank of New Hampshire Checking	\$264,208.80
Bank of New Hampshire Investment Account	\$853,882.48
MBIA Investment Account	<u>\$715.72</u>
	\$1,118,807.00

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND - January 1, 2003	0.00
Plus receipts	3.62
Plus transfer from General Fund	5,350.00
Less Payments	0.00
Distribution of Account - Conservation Commission	
MBIA Investment Account	\$5,353.62

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2003

From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes - Current Year	2,239,296.71	
Property Taxes - Previous Year	159,845.00	
Tax Leins Redeemed	42,737.80	
Resident Taxes - 2003 & Delinquent	8,860.00	
Land Use Change Tax	10,700.00	
Yield (Timber) Tax	39,226.31	
Excavation Tax	3,611.34	
Tax Interest & Penalties	7,338.65	
Tax Interest & Costs - Redemptions	2,546.38	
Total from Local Taxes		\$2,514,162.19

From Licenses & Permits:		
Motor Vehicle Permits	258,819.00	
Motor Vehicle Application File Fee	2,025.00	
U.C.C. Fees	900.00	
Dog Licenses & Fines	2,725.50	
Building Permits	5,144.37	
Planning & Zoning Hearings	1,290.96	
Marriage Licenses	90.00	
Vital Statistics Requests	340.00	
Pistol Permits	140.00	
Dump Permits	9.00	
Junk Yard Fee	25.00	
Non-Sufficient-Fund Fees	60.00	
Candidacy Filing Fees	17.00	
Total from Licenses & Permits		\$271,585.83
From Federal Sources		
Federal Gov't Refund	2,207.05	
Federal Disaster Relief	373,094.71	
		\$375,301.76
From State Sources:		
Shared Revenue	17,819.00	
Rooms & Meals Distribution	53,934.31	
Highway Block Grant	68,871.75	
Forest Land Reimbursement	29.29	
Forest Fire Reimbursement	106.98	
Disaster Relief - 2002	2,873.37	
Other	2,000.00	
Total from Intergovernmental Sources		\$145,634.70
From Charges for Services:		
Welfare Department	841.07	
Westmoreland School District	1,616.66	
Fire Department	424.26	
Total from Charges for Services		\$2,881.99
From Sale of Town Property & Equipment:		
Highway Truck	12,500.00	
		\$12,500.00
From Rent of Property:		
Post Office Rent	4,000.08	
Town Hall Rent	525.00	
Total from Rent of Property		\$4,525.08

Auto Ins. Reimb.	951.40	
Workers Comp Refund	120.00	
Liability Dividend	1,780.22	
		\$2,851.62
From Other Local Sources:		
Town History Sales	350.00	
Copies & Postage	188.35	
Misc.	553.71	
Total from Other Local Sources		\$1,092.06
Transfer from Trust Fund - Jotham Lord	30.89	
		\$30.89
From Other Financial Sources:		
Capital Reserve Withdrawals	7,516.00	
Tax Anticipation Notes	700,000.00	
Total from Other Financial Sources		\$707,516.00
GRAND TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS		\$4,038,082.12

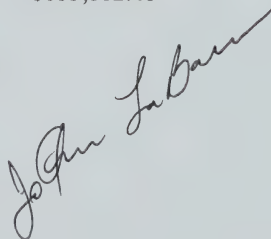
STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

MBIA Investment Account	
Balance - January 1, 2003	\$710.18
Plus Deposits in 2003	
Plus Interest Earned in 2003	\$5.54
Less Withdrawals in 2003	
Balance - December 31, 2003	\$715.72

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool	
Balance - January 1, 2003	\$1,165,016.60
Plus Deposits in 2003	\$1,150,000.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2003	\$8,865.88
Less Withdrawals in 2003	\$1,470,000.00
Balance - December 31, 2003	\$853,882.48

LOANS OUTSTANDING

Backhoe & Loader Lease - John Deere Credit	
Date of Lease - 6/10/02	
Maturity of Lease - 6/10/06	
Amount of Lease - \$143,750	
Rate of Lease - 4.75%	
Payment per year - \$31,538.34 (includes interest)	
Amount owed on lease (as of 12/31/03) - \$88,186.70	



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

WESTMORELAND, NH

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

DEBITS

	2003	2002	2001	PRIOR
<u>Uncollected Taxes –</u>				
<u>Beginning Of Year</u>				
Property Taxes		159,845.00		
Resident Taxes		770.00	70.00	70.00
Yield Taxes		1,848.00	1,887.00	677.00
<u>Taxes Committed This Year</u>				
Property Taxes	2,408,491.00			
Resident Taxes	9,940.00			
Land Use Change Taxes	10,700.00			
Yield Tax Warrants	38,718.94			
Excavation Tax	3,611.34			
Added Resident Taxes	780.00	20.00		
<u>Overpayment:</u>				
Property Taxes	4,290.96			
Land Use Change Tax	.02			
Interest – Late Tax	388.37	6,784.39	122.89	
Resident Tax Penalty	5.00	43.00		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,476,925.63	\$169,310.39	\$2,079.89	747.00

CREDITS

<u>Remitted To Treasurer</u>				
Property Taxes	2,239,296.71	127,090.00		
Resident Taxes	8,330.00	530.00		
Land Use Change Taxes	10,700.00			
Yield Taxes	37,501.31		1,048.00	677.00
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	388.37	6,784.39	122.89	
Penalties	5.00	43.00		
Conversion To Lien		34,603.00		
<u>Abatements Allowed</u>				
Resident Taxes	910.00	260.00	70.00	70.00
Yield Taxes	35.00			
<u>Uncollected Taxes</u>				
Property Taxes	173,485.25			
Resident Taxes	1,480.00			
Yield Taxes	1,182.65		839.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2476925.63	\$169,310.39	\$2,079.89	\$747.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (cont.)

	2002	2001	2000	PRIOR
DEBITS				
Unredeemed Liens Balance At Beginning of Fiscal Year		34,799.21	49,928.15	12,349.45
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	37,741.75			
Interest & Costs Collected	342.10	133.13	1,886.82	179.33
TOTAL DEBITS	\$38,083.85	\$34,932.34	\$51,814.97	\$12,528.78
CREDITS				
Remitted To Treasurer				
Redemptions	12,726.99	4,843.89	19,747.10	3,571.82
Interest & Costs Collected	342.10	133.13	1,886.82	179.33
Unredeemed Liens Balance Year End	25,014.76	29,955.32	30,181.05	8,777.63
TOTAL CREDITS	\$38,083.85	\$34,932.34	\$51,814.97	\$12,528.78

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT WESTMORELAND, NH 03467 FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

Motor Vehicle Registrations	2375	\$258,819.00
Overpayment		175.00
Title Application Fees		2,025.00
Dog Licenses	Tags 389	2,575.50
	Group 6	150.00
Vital Statistic Requests		340.00
Marriage Licenses Issued	2	90.00
Candidacy Filings	10	7.00
UCC & Other Filings		895.00
Bank Return Fees		60.00
TOTAL COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK		\$265,136.50

Planning Board 2003

The Westmoreland Planning Board holds regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Selectmen's office of the Town Hall, are open to the public, and begin at 7:30 PM.

In 2003 there were 9 site plan approvals, 3 subdivision approvals, 1 voluntary merger, and 2 lot line adjustments. Meetings were very busy throughout the year and 2004 is shaping up to be just as busy. In September, we welcomed Walter Derjue as the new alternate member. He is very active in learning the process.

Jim Blake and his Master Plan Committee have finalized their project and the first printing is on sale for \$5.00 in the Selectmen's Office. Proceeds will be used for future printing and updates. Several ordinances have been revised and upon voter approval, will be in the new editions of the Town Ordinances. The tax maps are being copied to disk and the ability to reproduce individual maps will help in the planning process and decisions.

We would like to remind residents that regulations listing the necessary steps and applicable ordinances for subdivision or site plan review are available in the Selectmen's office. Also, if a resident is planning any changes or construction on any land in town, a call to the Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector would be wise. This is the best way to find out if any necessary permits or processes are needed.

Co-Chairs:

Lauren Bressett,
Linn Starkey, Jr,
Elaine Hall, Secretary

Members:

James Ashworth
Laurie Burt
Jeff Ingram

Alan Johnson

Michael Reed, Selectman
Walter Derjue, Alternate

Report of the Building inspector

Permits issued for the year ending December 31, 2003

One Family Dwellings	7	Additions	9	Remodelling	6
Swimming Pools	1	Barns	7	Commercial	2
Porches	6	Sheds	6	Decks	11
Other	1	Garages	8		

Respectfully submitted,
Linn Starkey, Jr.

Cemetery Trustee Report

There were no cemetery lots sold in 2003. We continue to fix stones and plan to do roadwork in the North and East Cemeteries in 2004.

Cemetery Trustees: JoAnn LaBarre, Donald Hall, Carlson Barrett

2003 Financial Report
Cemetery Trustees
Savings Bank of Walpole
Savings Account # 601-023218

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2003 \$8,841.65

INCOME:

2003 Town Appropriation	4,000.00
Trust Fund Interest - 2002	1,116.83
Interest	70.39

\$5,187.22

EXPENSES:

McKim Mitchell- Stone Repair	312.50
C&D Landscaping- mowing/clean-up	6,900.00
Purchased back lot- North Cemetery	25.00

\$7,237.50

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2003 \$6,791.37

BRIGGS,BLEEKER AND WHITE FUNDS
WESTMORELAND, NH
2003

This year the interest from the Briggs, Bleeker and White Funds was used to purchase ice cream for all students in grades K through 8th. We were also able to buy two holiday books for the Westmoreland School Library; one for the elementary grades to enjoy, and one for the middle school.

Due to the small amount of interest earned this year we asked for a received a generous donation from Dover Publications enabling us to give students in grades K through 5 a small activity or sticker book. We have enjoyed the opportunity to carry on this tradition.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Leduc
Tina Fletcher

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined and audited the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Briggs Fund, Cemetery Trustees and Library Trustees for the year 2003. I find them to be correct and properly vouched. Additional findings and recommendations are on file with the Selectmen.

Susan Reed
Auditor

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Activities in 2003

In 2003 the Zoning Board of Adjustment had eight (8) requests for Variances, including one which was pending from 2002. One of the requests was withdrawn; none of the others were granted. It also had nine (9) requests for Special Exceptions. Of these seven (7) were granted and two (2) were withdrawn.

All applications for Zoning Board of Adjustment hearings for Special Exceptions and Variances originate with the Zoning Administrator R. Bruce Smith. Hearings are usually held the second Tuesday of each month, as necessary. Completed Zoning Hearing Applications must be in the hands of the Zoning Clerk Helen Draper at least fourteen (14) days prior to hearing date to allow time for notification of abutters and the general public.

Zoning Hearing Applications consist of five (5) different components: the denied Zoning Permit Application from the Zoning Administrator, Application for Hearing Appeal available in the Selectmen's office, a diagram showing current condition of property and proposed changes, a list of abutters with current addresses. and the filing fee. The filing fee for a zoning hearing is \$55.00, plus \$4.00 for each abutter. payable to the Town of Westmoreland.

Zoning Board members during 2003: Peter Remy, Chairman, Brenda Shelley, Brian Merry, John Burt, and Barry Shonbeck. Alternate April Ferguson.

Respectfully submitted

Helen Draper, Clerk

**WILLIAM F. HUNTLEY
HEALTH OFFICER
569 GLEBE ROAD
WESTMORELAND, NH 03467**

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT FOR YEAR 2003

The health officer can be reached through the Town Hall, Selectman, or by calling direct and leaving a message at 399-7777.

Questions and complaints that were investigated for the year 2003 are as follows:

- 1 Private school inspection
- 3 Nuisance complaints
- 2 Water quality investigations
- 1 Dog bite

For anyone interested in having their well or spring water tested, there are test bottles for samples at the town hall. For information regarding certified laboratories, their services and costs, please contact the N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services.

Respectfully submitted
William Huntley
Health Officer

WESTMORELAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year started with election of officers; Earl Spaulding- President, Bill Hunter- Vice-President, Libby McKenney-Treasurer and Jan Carpenter-Secretary.

In June the members had the pleasure of touring the historic home of Susan and John Harris in the south village. This was our second year to have the privilege of looking at beautiful old homes in town.

The "House Committee", working to research all of the houses in town, old and new, is nearing the end of the seven year project. The final year will be for editing and proofreading. Any additional information residents wish to contribute can be submitted to Bill Howland. He can be reached at 357-0966.

Information can include data about the original builders, updates and alterations to the property, outbuildings and also anecdotes passed down through the years. Meetings in the new year are April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, Sept. 7th, Oct. 4th, and Nov. 1st. Call Thelma Messer to learn of the venues and time for these meetings.

Bill Howland

Transfer Station Report

December 31, 2003

Another busy year for the station. In early summer Arthur Ainsworth retired after many years of service. My son, Charles, has taken over the job. The selectmen approved my request to change the hours of operation by ten minutes at closing to allow me time to clean up and shut down. Residents seem to be agreeable to the change and I thank you all. I do ask that when entering you do not speed into the area. People tend to wander back and forth. Also, read the signs so you know the correct place to leave things and have the amount necessary if you leave items requiring payment; no credit!

ITEM	WEIGHT	WM COST
Compactor	348.34 tons	\$33092.30
Demol (construction,furniture,etc.)	68.61 tons	6517.95
Newspaper	45.48 tons	No charge
Co-Mingle	42.03 tons	No Charge
Metal	21.69 tons	No Charge
Cardboard	26.73 tons	No Charge
Tires	6.26 tons	594.70
Appliances	12 tons	No Charge

WESTMORELAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The high point of the year was undoubtedly the August floods. Most roads are nearing completion now after a hectic Fall. Thanks have to go to the Walpole and Chesterfield highway departments and Doug Wilkes and Wilkes Construction. Our Westmoreland Fire and Rescue departments were invaluable in their help and support throughout the ordeal. Finally a special thanks to all the residents of town who so patiently waited while roads and culverts were replaced. It is nice to know a small town can pull together in a disaster; hopefully it won't be necessary again for a long time.

The highway crew lost a member and gained a new member this winter, and with the new truck we purchased in October, we are in good shape to welcome Spring.

Gary Hudson-Road Agent

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2003 calls for police service have followed the typical pattern over the past few years. The majority of calls for service revolve around animal complaints and motor vehicle complaints. I mitigate most animal complaints, and will continue to do so as they arise. However, animal owners should make a conscious effort not to allow your animals to run astray or become a nuisance. Speed complaints have dropped in town, and this could be due to targeted motor vehicle enforcement efforts. There was an increase in calls to assist motor vehicle breakdowns, and check vehicles abandoned on the roadway. I would ask that if your vehicle breaks down, and needs to be left on the roadway, every effort be made leave it in an area that will not cause a traffic hazard. Also, Please be considerate of those who plow your roads, and be sure to have your vehicle off the road when it snows.

2003 basically remained status quo with regard to violent crimes, compared to last year. There was slight increase in the number of calls for families in need of assistance with domestic violence issues. The number of simple assault and criminal threatening complaints also rose slightly over last year. There were no reported sexual assaults.

As done in the past, we continue to rely on State Police to handle the majority of motor vehicle accidents, emergency calls, and major crimes. The State Police have the personnel, emergency vehicles, and specialized equipment to better handle these situations. Troop C has offered their continued support to handle these matters in the town. This is greatly appreciated, and it saves the taxpayers thousands of dollars each year.

Be aware that the Cheshire County Sheriff's Department is now handling the dispatch function for all Police Departments in Cheshire County, except Keene. The new number is 355-2000. As always, if you have a bone fide emergency of any kind, you should immediately call 911.

The statistic below do not reflect calls for service directed to the State Police or crimes reported and then determined to be unfounded.

Accidents	27	Domestic	11
Alarms	21	Noise Complaints	4
Harassment	2	Road Hazards	19
Animal	46	House Checks	2
Assault	2	Juvenile (other than arrests)	2
Assist other Depts.	2	Burglary	3
Criminal Mischief	7	Miscellaneous	79
Criminal Threatening	1	Motor Vehicle Complaints	31
Criminal Trespass	3	Sexual Assault (Felony)	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	Sexual Assault (Mis.)	0
Theft/Shoplifting	3	Suspicious Persons	7
911 Hang-up Calls	7	Intoxicated Persons	2

TOTAL CALLS: 281

James Cemorelis
Town Constable

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT 2003

This year the Westmoreland Library increased its programming to include a Book Group, under the direction of Julie King. It meets at the library the first Tuesday of each month. In addition, the Pre-School Story Hour has been revitalized under the coordination of three volunteers. The children and their parents have been meeting twice a month. Since September, 113 patrons have enjoyed Story Hour. For our Volunteer Recognition Program, Charles Butterfield spoke of his "Adventures in the Library" while researching his Westmoreland ancestor, Isaac Butterfield. School visits and other programs were attended by 145 adults and 528 children. Our association with the Westmoreland School remains a vital part of our library programming.

"Reading Rocks the Granite State" was the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program. As in the past, many Westmoreland volunteers were most helpful in planning and giving of their time. In addition, Bob Borofsky gave a tour of the Wise Mine, and Robert Clemens of the Brattleboro Mineral Club spoke about his experiences as a rock and mineral collector. The library staff participated as well and wish to report they thought it was one of the best summer reading programs CHILIS has promoted. Attendance for this program was 148.

Statistics: A total of 2993 patrons visited the library in 2003. The library was open 150 days. 36 new patrons received library cards. We are in the process of updating our patron records. 4117 items were circulated, of which 338 were loaned and borrowed on interlibrary loan. Of those 3779 items circulating within Westmoreland, adult and juvenile combined, 57% were fiction; 28% nonfiction; 2% audio-cassettes; 5% videos and 8% magazines. 46 large print books were borrowed. The average daily circulation was 27 items. Acquisitions included: 172 adult purchases; 164 donated books; 93 juvenile purchases and 204 juvenile donations. This latter figure includes 85 new books from the Children's Literacy Foundation. Through fund-raising, we raised \$300, our share of this grant, which was matched by their realization of \$1300 in book value. We processed 19 donated videos, and 34 audio-cassettes. Patrons who used the computer numbered 48; 165 patrons used our reading room, copier and genealogy resources. We answered 44 reference questions. 21 books were repaired, 16 were lost, and 159 withdrawn. 188 overdue notices were mailed. Volunteers clocked in 466 hours of library assistance.

One of our goals for 2003 was to create a better workstation. This was achieved by the acquisition and installation of an ergonomic keyboard tray on the desk, and the relocation of the main desk, copy machine and other tables. We updated our Norton Symantec Virus Protection with new software. We are now using FileMaker to generate and print the majority of catalog cards. The New Epixtech software, initiated in November 2002, provides all New Hampshire libraries with access to all holdings within the state, routing system for interlibrary loan, and database entry of our holdings. Processing interlibrary loans has been made easier with FileMaker. We are complying with the Federal guidelines relevant to managing our circulation procedure. Overdue notices continue to

be a costly concern for the library, but patrons have contributed responsibly when returning overdue books.

The librarian attended a 9 hour workshop on Juvenile Non-Fiction Collection Management, given by Ann Hoey of the NH State Library. The staff attends Nubanusit Coop Meetings on a monthly basis. In this way, the library continues to receive advice and support.

Our Annual Book Sale, held June 14, combined with additional sales of books at the Town Hall throughout the fall made \$655. Rosalie Walker's beautiful quilt brought in \$310, and was raffled in November. In addition, our book budget was enhanced by generous memorial gifts.

Promoting literacy in the town, through programming and building awareness of our collection remains top priority for the coming year. The library hopes to extend its services to the residents of Maplewood, as well as continue its adult and preschool reading programs. Acquisition of new materials, and maintenance of our collection are prerequisites to offering timely service to our residents. Updating some reference materials will be necessary. Information about our library programs, calendar, new books and short reviews will be distributed through our website link with the Westmoreland School. Compliance with Federal guidelines will require detailed and efficient record keeping. Given the economic landscape of our times, efforts will continue to be made to reduce unnecessary costs. The library strives to keep a balance between rising prices of books, supplies and utilities and keeping a high standard of service and resources to visitors in and outside the town. The library trustees and staff applaud the hard work and generosity of our many talented volunteers. We look forward to a challenging year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Maisie Crowther, Librarian

**WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL REPORT -- 2003**

Savings Bank of Walpole Balance on 12/31/2002 \$ 3,149.04

INCOME

TOWN APPROPRIATION

LIB Approp.	\$ 6,329.65
LIB FICA & Medicare	1,182.46
LIB Salaries	15,457.00
Jotham Lord Fund	30.89
TOTAL Town Approp.	\$ 23,000.00

Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 350.50
Gifts	\$ 1,600.00
Book Sales	\$ 655.39
Contributions	\$ 496.00
Fundraising	\$ 310.00
Adjustment - Symantec Refund	\$ 44.95
Book Replace	\$ 48.00
Copy machine	\$ 87.00
Interest Earned Checking	\$ 4.87
Out of Town Patron	\$ 5.00
Program Fund	\$ 350.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 26,951.71

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$ 15,457.00
FICA & Medicare	\$ 1,182.46
Books	\$ 4,219.39
Catalog Cards	\$ 367.68
Computer	\$ 238.34
Dues	\$ 125.00
Electricity	\$ 711.66
Heat (Gas)	\$ 1,168.08
Telephone	\$ 1,426.71
Internet Service Provider	\$ 315.73
Equip & repair	\$ 177.86
Magazines	\$ 416.60
Maintenance	\$ 375.00
Mileage	\$ 107.28
Photocopying	\$ 81.35
Post Office Box	\$ 66.00
Postage	\$ 128.75
Program	\$ 493.27
Staff Education	\$ 100.00
Story Hour	\$ 25.00
Summer Program	\$ 8.00
Supplies	\$ 515.13
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 27,706.29

SBW Starting Balance		\$ 3,149.04
	Cash Received	\$ 26,951.71
	Total Cash	\$ 30,100.75
	Expenses	\$ (27,706.29)
SBW Ending Balance 12/31/2003		\$ 2,394.46

EJ Starting Balance 1/1/2003		\$ 14,165.10
	Income	\$ 49.95
	Total Income	\$ 14,215.05
	Expenses	\$ (426.94)
EJ Ending Balance 12/31/2003		\$ 13,788.11

2003 REPORT OF THE WESTMORELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NH RSA 36-A provides a Conservation Commission with the basic purpose to identify, protect and conserve the land and water resources of their community. Additionally, as charged by RSA 483-A, the commission also reviews wetland applications for local review in conjunction with the NH Wetlands bureau. A wetlands application (forms available in the town office) is necessary for any activity that involves projects to excavate, remove, dredge, fill or construct a structure in any surface waters or wetlands of the state.

The Commission continues to work on a natural resource inventory that will give an overview of the town's natural resources including wetland and fragile soil information that highlights some of the environmentally sensitive areas of the town. In the past, working with Southwest Region Planning Commission, the Commission has had digital maps and overlays prepared of soils data, wetland and water resources, aquifers, floodplains, aerial photos, topographic and general land use. An updated digital zoning map is currently being prepared to assist with town planning. The base maps and overlays are available for use and are helpful to the selectmen, commission, planning and zoning boards and citizens. If resources are available, a comprehensive NH method wetland evaluation is planned to designate prime wetlands in town that might be in need of protection.

The commission reviewed a number of wetland applications throughout the year. Following the devastating August floods in town we met with a Department of Environmental Services representative and visited a number of impacted sites including extensive bank erosion damage along the Connecticut River.

The commission sponsored a current use tax assessment workshop and has provided some initial permanent land protection information to a number of landowners and assisted with the update of the town's master plan. Commission members attended a number of training seminars during the year and are in contact with other communities in order to get a regional perspective on issues.

The Westmoreland Conservation Commission meets the first Tuesday of the month and is always looking for interested individuals to join our ranks or help us with the tasks at hand. Feel free to contact any of the members with questions or concerns you may have about environmental or conservation issues.

Marshall Patmos, Chairman
Jim Blake, Vice Chairman
Jeff Smith, Secretary
Bob Moore
John Lukin
Walt Derjue
George Duke

2/5/04

WESTMORELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

2003 was another busy year for the department responding to 122 calls. The department held two fundraisers this past year, the Forest Fire Wardens Associations Dinner in May and the Chicken Barbecue in June. The Westmoreland Town Band once again provided the outstanding music at the BBQ. Some of the proceeds of the above fundraisers along with the donations we receive throughout the year will be going towards a Thermal Imaging Camera.

This past year the fire department applied thru the state of New Hampshire for the Homeland Security Grant. We were awarded the sum of \$8,456.46. In December of 2003 a Thermal Imaging Camera was purchased using these funds as well as The Firefighters Association contributing \$4,143.54 towards this piece of equipment. The Thermal Imaging Camera will be a big asset to the Department. If any one is interested seeing how the camera works feel free to stop by the fire station and get a demonstration.

The department welcomed two new members this past year. Any Westmoreland resident wishing to become a member of the department are welcome to join us the third Tuesday of every month at the fire station at 8:00 p.m.

The members of the Westmoreland Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department would like to thank the citizens of Westmoreland for their outstanding support this past year.

2003 Fire & Rescue Calls

Type	Number of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
Automatic Fire Alarms		
County Jail	0	0:00
Maplewood Nursing Home	4	28:36
Private Residence	2	3:06
Water Treatment Plant	0	0:00
School	6	14:37
Brush Fire	2	18:05
Car Fire	1	5:16
Chimney Fire	3	17:09
CO Detector	1	1:54
Downed Wires / Transformer	8	50:06
Dumpster Fire	0	0:00
Gas / Oil Leak	0	0:00
Good Intent / Smoke Investigation	3	19:39
Hazmat	0	0:00
Medical Emergencies		
County Jail	0	0:00
Maplewood Nursing Home	7	16:07
Other	55	125:28
Motor Vehicle Accident	16	108:44
Mutual Aid	5	51:09
Public Assist	1	16:00
Structure Fires	0	0:00
Other	8	14:52
Total	122	490:48
Month	# Calls	Total Number Of Calls
Jan	6	6
Feb	9	15
Mar	15	30
Apr	11	41
May	16	57
Jun	5	62
Jul	8	70
Aug	21	91
Sep	6	97
Oct	8	105
Nov	9	114
Dec	8	122

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND

Trustees of Trust Funds

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The Trustees met nine times during the year to administer the affairs of the trusts. A particular concern to the Trustees has been the dramatic decrease in income from the trusts as a result of declining interest rates. Funds have been invested in short-term bonds with the New Hampshire Public Deposit Pool. The Trustees concluded that having an investment account with a reliable investment firm would permit investing in longer-term bonds providing higher income with minimum risk. Accordingly, an account has been established with the Edward Jones Company and all trust funds have been transferred to this account. These funds have been invested in premium short-term CDs with laddered maturities. A yield about twice that of the pool is expected. Capital Reserve funds have remained in the Public Deposit Pool.

Trustees:

Patrick N. Baker

Russell Kotfila

George Nitschelm

2003 ADDITIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Trust Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-30-03	Ruth A. White Fund	\$150.00
		\$150.00
<u>Date</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2-4-04	Special Ed/HS Tuition	\$12,618.00
2-4-03	School Renovation	\$5,000.00
12-15-03	Fire Truck	\$10,000.00
12-15-03	Highway Truck	\$10,000.00
12-15-03	Landfill Closure	\$50,000.00
12-31-03	School Renovation	\$5,000.00
12-31-03	Special Ed/HS Tuition	\$13,223.00
		\$105,841.00

2003 DISBURSEMENTS

<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Trust Fund Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Theresa M. Acerno	Acerno, M. J., Scholarship Fund	High School Scholarship	\$80.06
Barbara Messer	Lois Leach Graduates Fund	Graduates' Dinner	\$99.95
Cemetery Trustees	Town Cemetery Funds	Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,116.83
Westmoreland School	Susan H. Cutter	Grammar Award	\$20.00
Westmoreland School	Pearl L. Bragg Trust Fund	School Health Care	\$141.04
Town of Westmoreland	Jotham Lord Trust Fund	Town Needs	\$30.89
S. & N. McKenna	Thomas White Soccer Scholarship	Soccer Camp Scholarship	\$395.00
Westmoreland Library	Town Library Funds	Support of Town Library	\$350.50
Susan Castor & Karen Leduc	Briggs, Bleeker & White Funds	School Christmas	\$140.54
J. Lebarre	Starkey - Cobb Fund	Care of Aged & Needy	\$119.03
Transfer to Principal	Westmoreland Men's Club	Per Terms of Trust	\$7.27
Transfer to Principal	Acerno, M.J., Scholarship Fund	Per Terms of Trust	\$8.90
			\$2,510.01
<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Fund Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town of Westmoreland	Town Revaluation	Town Revaluation	\$7,516.00
			\$7,516.00

2003

TRUST FUNDS		Purpose	Date	Invested	12/31/02		New Funds	12/31/03		Income	Expended	12/31/03		12/31/03
					Balance			Balance						
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS														
Canoe Meadow Cemetery		EJ - CDs	\$301.52	-2.07	299.45	3.99	2.26	305.51	301.71					
Chaffee Cemetery		EJ - CDs	100.91	(1.42)	99.49	109.08	1.86	3.79	209.99	206.64				
E Cemetery Perp. Care		EJ - CDs	7,920.38	(55.11)	7,865.27	225.35	49.75	122.09	8,145.73	8,018.28				
Gline Cemetery		EJ - CDs	5,095.58	(49.61)	5,045.97	2,237.14	44.80	110.74	7,332.72	7,217.17				
North, Gen Unknpk Cemetery		EJ - CDs	12,825.91	(88.02)	12,737.89	185.85	79.29	196.44	13,011.76	12,806.59				
North, Perpetual Care Cemetery		EJ - CDs	14,732.53	(102.49)	14,630.04	417.44	92.35	228.80	15,149.97	14,911.03				
Outlying (Cole) Cemetery		EJ - CDs	502.91	(7.13)	495.78	550.59	6.84	15.63	1,037.50	1,037.56				
Pratt Cemetery		EJ - CDs	301.48	(2.07)	299.41	3.99	2.26	305.47	301.67	301.67				
S Village, M & L Cemetery		EJ - CDs	11,356.72	(78.00)	11,278.72	173.89	70.26	11,530.61	11,348.98	11,348.98				
S Village, Perp. Care Cemetery		EJ - CDs	17,189.56	(119.18)	17,070.38	419.36	107.43	257.46	17,608.92	17,389.71				
S Village, D Blood Cemetery		EJ - CDs	20,088.37	(175.69)	19,912.68	5,491.17	156.93	5,648.10	25,579.54	25,560.79				
S Village, D Blood Cemetery		EJ - CDs	11,798.06	1,597.30	13,395.36	198.99	25.37	224.36	11,597.05	13,618.72				
TOTAL CEMETERY			102,213.93	916.51	103,130.44	10,016.84	638.41	1,116.83	122,330.77	112,669.86				
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS														
UNION MEETING HOUSE TRUST FUNDS			EJ - CDs	22,849.19	(159.34)	22,689.85	350.50	142.37	23,199.69	22,832.22				
OTHER TRUST FUNDS			EJ - CDs	2,934.46	(20.46)	2,914.00	44.57	18.15	2,979.03	2,976.72				
SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS														
Acerro, Michael J Scholarship	1994	EJ - CDs	5,888.14	(31.36)	5,826.78	83.87	36.29	5,942.01	5,866.88					
Bleeker Children's Christmas	1985	EJ - CDs	502.49	(3.50)	498.99	22.59	2.66	525.08	501.65					
Bragg, Pearl Lucile Health/School	1954	EJ - CDs	9,104.19	(63.50)	9,040.69	141.04	56.85	9,245.23	9,097.54					
Briggs O L Children's Christmas	1918	EJ - CDs	1,004.52	(7.01)	997.51	20.62	6.42	1,025.14	1,003.93					
Cutter, Susan H Grammar Award	1990	EJ - CDs	508.47	(4.77)	503.70	185.50	4.68	693.97	673.88					
Esty, Henry School Support	1889	EJ - CDs	905.33	(6.97)	898.36	109.00	6.23	1,014.33	1,013.59					
Fox, Elephat School Support	1817	EJ - CDs	1,004.84	(7.14)	997.10	121.40	7.19	1,126.24	1,123.69					
Leach, Los Graduate's Banquet	1976	EJ - CDs	2,533.12	(17.64)	2,515.48	135.25	16.23	2,668.37	2,567.01					
Town Literary School Support	1829	EJ - CDs	1,781.58	(13.75)	1,767.83	220.41	12.30	1,901.99	2,000.54					
White, Ruth A Children's Christmas	1991	EJ - CDs	3,050.84	(28.71)	3,022.13	97.33	169.08	3,148.17	3,348.63					
White, Thomas Soccer Scholarship	1985	EJ - CDs	2,989.63	(27.96)	2,961.67	1,031.82	25.01	4,081.45	3,673.50					
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS			29,243.15	(55.49)	29,187.66	2,867.84	342.94	886.59	30,872.84					
Petty cash						54.57	16.07	38.50	31,471.98	30,872.84				
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS			170,567.27	587.31	171,154.58	14,045.23	2,519.91	12,813.09	184,612.50	183,967.67				
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS														
Bridge Rebuilding		2002	PO35	20,000.00		20,000.00	7.43	161.57	20,007.43	20,169.00				
Fire Truck	1968	0004	10,000.00		10,000.00	83.58	1.63	85.21	10,085.21	10,085.21				
Highway Truck	1968	0006	10,000.00		10,000.00	972.37	9.51	981.88	10,981.88	10,981.88				
Landfill Closure	2003	0036	50,000.00		50,000.00	8.04		8.04	50,008.04	50,008.04				
Police Cruiser	1998	0033	7,000.00		7,000.00	638.04	63.22	701.26	7,738.04	7,901.26				
Recreation Fund	2001	0019	1,723.81		1,723.81	92.08	14.22	1,815.89	1,830.11	1,830.11				
School Renovation	2002	0034	5,000.00		5,000.00	58.82	75.49	5,058.82	5,058.82	5,058.82				
SPEED/HS Tuition	1996	E Jones	12,069.00		12,618.00	582.91	189.77	12,651.91	12,651.91	12,651.91				
Town Revaluation	1993	0005	45,792.81		45,792.81	8,017.48	21.63	7,516.00	53,810.11	53,810.11				
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			87,618.00		87,618.00	10,652.71	545.08	7,516.00	96,445.52	137,092.60				
CR checks not deposited			18,223.00		18,223.00			3,681.79	56,445.52	137,092.60				
TOTAL ALL FUNDS			216,360.08		216,360.08	24,697.94		16,494.88	241,058.02	339,283.27				

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Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee
Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Wantastiquet Subcommittee began to update our *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan* with a close look at water quality and water-related issues in our region, particularly the need for more complete information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing, and boating. Our meetings now include representatives from the major tributaries that enter the Connecticut in our region: the Cold, Ashuelot, and West Rivers.

The Subcommittee has continued to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, advising the State of New Hampshire on the rehabilitation of the Chesterfield/Brattleboro bridge and expansion of a marina in Hinsdale, and advising CRJC of concerns about the proposed upgrade of Vermont Yankee.

We have encouraged all towns in our region, including Westmoreland, to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. The heavy rains of last August demonstrated the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room. All riverfront landowners should be aware that the NH Shoreland Protection Act now applies to the Connecticut River. Contact the town office for more information.

Westmoreland appointed new representatives to the Subcommittee this year, as did Hinsdale and Dummerston. The Wantastiquet Region River Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the fourth Wednesday evening of every other month, usually at the Westmoreland Town Hall. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

Stuart Adams, Jim Blake, and Gwen Mitchell, Westmoreland representatives

ANNUAL REPORT 2003
CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have looked at issues as wide-ranging as the status of municipal wastewater treatment plants in the watershed to the hazards of development on the varied clays left by glacial Lake Hitchcock. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river and its valley.

In 2003, the Commissions completed a major riverbank restoration demonstration project at the Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown, which protected both a key Contact Period archeological site at the fort and a population of federally endangered mussels just offshore. We continue to work to bring the attention of federal and state agencies to *the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, to give local people new influence in the decisions of their government when it comes to their river. Our five local river subcommittees are an active voice for river issues in their regions.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including grants for a major conference on storm water management, equipment for citizen water quality monitoring on the Cold River in NH, a bi-state Milk Marketing Study Group, several historic restoration projects, and the Connecticut River Birding Trail.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway. This year we worked to provide signage for each of them, and provided staff and coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at www.crjc.org for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MARRIAGES IN 2003

Names of Groom & Bride	Residences	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Roland J. DeChamplain Cymantha J. Blair	Keene, NH Westmoreland, NH	February 15, 2003	Keene, NH
Gregg A. Costigan Lisa M. Trafton	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	February 16, 2003	Westmoreland, NH
Jonathan Putnam Hebert Wendi Lee Johnson	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	June 21, 2003	Westmoreland, NH
Stephen Lester Cote Kara Jane DuBois	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	August 2, 2003	Westmoreland, NH

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND BIRTHS IN 2003

Date	Place	Baby's Name	Mother	Father
02-17-03	Keene, NH	Reese Hunter Olmstead	Chelsea Alexander	Jason Olmstead
03-03-03	Brattleboro, VT	Ava Elizabeth Lunge	Hillary Switzer	Scott Lunge
08-13-03	Keene, NH	Derrick Ovid Cote	Kara Jane DuBois	Stephen L. Cote
09-17-03	Keene, NH	Megan Elizabeth Michaud	Angie LeBrun	Jason Michaud
11-21-03	Lebanon, NH	Gillian Rose Cote	Cynthia M. Dyer	Sean R. Cote
11-21-03	Lebanon, NH	Paige Lorraine Cote	Cynthia M. Dyer	Sean R. Cote

MAPLEWOOD DEATHS IN 2003

Date of Death	Name	Residence	Father's Name Mother's Name
12-22-03	Frances L. Aldrich	Walpole, NH	Everett Carpenter Eva King
03-04-03	Aldo Joseph Bracci	Nashua, NH	Augustino Bracci Maria Gasparoni
10-24-03	Charles D. Booth	Walpole, NH	Fred Booth Elizabeth Hay
09-02-03	Natalie Brown	W. Swanzey, NH	Ernest Horton Edith Earle
06-29-03	Mary Louise Call	Westmoreland,NH	Charles Cutting Mary Jones
01-24-03	Mark T. Cameron	Walpole, NH	Howard T. Cameron Beatrice Soulia
02-13-03	Leona B. Chabott	Westmoreland,NH	Leonidas Quintin Adeline Goddard
05-21-03	Joseph T. Campos	Rindge, NH	George J. Compos, Sr. Mary E. Horgan
12-20-03	Daphne Joan Cook	Jaffrey, NH	Leonard Hicks Florence Milsted
06-05-03	Evelyn L. Corbett	Westmoreland,NH	C. F. Gray Clara Harlow
04-05-03	Antonia G. Costantino	Westmoreland,NH	Antonio Meringolo Louisa Rizzo
06-14-03	Patsy Ruth Durell	Westmoreland,NH	Aarne Mattson Leona Rice
09-03-03	Robert Edwin Ellis	W. Swanzey, NH	Edwin Ellis Marion Aldrich

02-14-03	Frances Ann Fortier	Westmoreland,NH	William Narwczyk Antonia Wiskowska
05-26-03	Egidio Giovannangeli	Westmoreland,NH	Bernardino Giovannangeli Levia Iavicoli
02-26-03	Barbara M. Greeley	Troy, NH	Albert E. Parker Ada M. Hopkins
03-20-03	Donald B. Hale	Westmoreland,NH	Berton E. Hale Tessie H. Bailey
04-18-03	Alice Hardy	Westmoreland,NH	Hiram Cheney Marion Symonds
01-19-03	Hazel E. Hopkins	Westmoreland,NH	Elwood (Unknown) Minnie Lloyd
04-22-03	Cynthia B. Houghton	Chesterfield, NH	Irwin Houghton Inez Cutler
03-12-03	Endla M. Jackowski	No. Walpole, NH	Mart Taukar Liine Tobro
01-16-03	Howard Johnson	Westmoreland,NH	John Albert Johnson Elizabeth Eriksson
04-02-03	Richard Paul Kelly	Nashua, NH	William Kelly Beatrice Gravel
02-13-03	Brendalee Kent	Westmoreland,NH	John Lightbody Phyllis C. Patterson
01-14-03	Barbara E. Kmiec	Alstead, NH	Perley Washburn Millicent Ross
01-29-03	Harry J. Lasell	Westmoreland,NH	Harry M. Lasell Fern Recor
02-22-03	Annie E. Larro	Marlborough, NH	Jacob Hackler Amanda Kovisto
04-24-03	Marie I. NicholSEN	Westmoreland,NH	Edward P. Gilhooly Isabel Lawless

09-19-03	Teresa A. Nitschelm	Westmoreland, NH	Calogero Papa Martha Allen
09-28-03	Dorothy L. Rising	Walpole, NH	Ellsworth Rising Mabel Robinson
12-26-03	Richard F. Sweeney	Alstead, NH	Francis Sweeney Louise Penny
11-05-03	Arthur Leighton Walker	W. Swanzey, NH	Arthur Lee Walker Esther Elizabeth Brenn
11-03-03	Ellen Zaineraitis	Brattleboro, VT	Richard Blinkhorn Mary Carr

DEATHS IN WESTMORELAND IN 2003
(Not Maplewood)

Date of Death	Name	Place of Death	Father's Name Mother's Name
06-10-03	Paul R. Hatt	55 Hatt Road	Amos W. Hatt Mary Brigadaire
10-02-03	Marabel P. Snyder	Old County Road	Rev. Andrew Henry Mabel Window
11-02-03	June Leora Gerrish	562 River Road	Clyde W. Kenyon Bertha Christian

2003 WESTMORELAND DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name	Father's Name Mother's Name
01-08-03	Keene, NH	Nancy A. Staples	Roland Stoodley Queenie DeBell
02-23-03	Keene, NH	Sylvia P. Edwards	Henry Howard Emma Rodier
05-19-03	New London, NH	Charles H. Kingsbury	George Kingsbury Rena Twitchell
07-02-03	Keene, NH	Clarence "Erv" Wilson	Ernest B. Wilson Vera M. Alexander
09-14-03	Keene, NH	Madaline Messenger	Arthur Rowley Bertha Harriman
11-04-03	Keene, NH	Winifred J. Cox	Guy Jennison Cora Bemis
11-16-03	New London, NH	Mildred E. Kingsbury	Carl W. Morrill Gertrude M. Grace
12-19-03	Lebanon, NH	Charlotte A. Thompson	Alfred J. Leonard Pearl Lescord

2003 WESTMORELAND BURIALS

Burial Date	Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial
05-01-03	Nancy A. Staples	01-09-03	Keene, NH	So. Village Cemetery
05-09-03	Olga E. Zinn	12-19-02	Keene, NH	East Cemetery
06-11-03	Paul R. Hatt	06-10-03	Westmoreland, NH	So. Village Cemetery
06-18-03	Isabelle M. Johnson	06-15-03	Keene, NH	East Cemetery
07-11-03	Laurel Perry Smith	12-09-03	New Castle, DE	So. Village Cemetery

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Michael J. Acerno, Jr., Chair
Stuart R. Adams
Florence K. Gray
Ian Hurley
Lisa G. Moon

MODERATOR

Peter Heed

CLERK

Gail H. Ainsworth

TREASURER

Susan DeLuca

AUDITOR

Jo Ann LaBarre

N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Wayne E. Woolridge, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Barbara S. Tremblay, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
John R. Harper, Business Administrator
Timothy L. Ruehr, Business Manager
Patricia Trow Parent, Manager of Personnel Services
Bruce Thielen, Director of Special Education
Michael Duhaime, Director of Technology Services

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

as of January, 2004

Kindergarten	12
Grade 1	17
Grade 2	14
Grade 3	11
Grade 4	13
Grade 5	20
Grade 6	14
Grade 7	14
Grade 8	25
TOTAL	140

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This school district receives federal financial assistance. In order to continue receiving such federal financial assistance, this school district will not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age, or handicapping condition, under the provisions of Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Complaints regarding compliance with Title IX regulations should be submitted in writing to the Title IX liaison for School Administrative Unit 29, the Personnel Manager, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Education, 34 West Street, Keene, New Hampshire.

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said district on the 12th day of March, 2004, at 7:00 O'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$13,644) to be deposited in the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 9th day of March, 2004, at 11:00 in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary school district officers:

One member of the school board for the ensuing three years
A moderator for the ensuing year
A clerk for the ensuing year
A treasurer for the ensuing year from July 1, 2004
An auditor for the ensuing year

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 19th day of February, 2004.

Michael J. Acerno, Jr., Chair
Stuart R. Adams
Florence K. Gray
Ian Hurley
Lisa G. Moon

WESTMORELAND
2004-2005 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	2003-2004 BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED	% INCREASE	\$ INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$85,583	\$0		
Local Property Taxes	\$1,236,006	\$1,505,255	21.78%	\$269,249
Interest	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Lunch Local	\$29,000	\$29,000		
Transport. Fees	\$2,800	\$2,800		
Media Generalist Reimbursement	\$8,217	\$8,487		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$826	\$1,000		
N.H. Property Tax	\$474,128	\$474,128	0.00%	\$0
N.H. Adequacy Grant	\$693,719	\$622,085	-10.33%	-\$71,634
N.H. Building Aid	\$16,500	\$16,500		
N.H. Handicapped Aid	\$0	\$0		
Net Change in Reimbursement	\$0	\$0		
Anticipation Borrowing				
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$12,650	\$12,650		
Federal Funds	\$28,000	\$28,000		
Lunch - Federal	\$11,000	\$11,000		
Supplemental Appropriations	\$0	\$0		
TOTALS	\$2,604,429	\$2,716,905	4.32%	\$112,476
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET (Local and State School Tax)			15.74%	
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET			\$1.8736	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000			\$187	

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET (SUMMARY)

	SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S				% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	PROPOSED 2004-2005		
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTIO	\$1,222,079	\$1,114,879	\$1,313,591	\$1,342,931	2.23%	49.43%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$74,665	\$76,820	\$65,829	\$62,735	-4.70%	2.31%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$218,615	\$218,634	\$204,114	\$236,078	15.66%	8.69%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$1,515,359	\$1,410,332	\$1,583,534	\$1,641,744	3.68%	60.43%
		(\$0)				
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$555,923	\$575,283	\$543,456	\$623,376	14.71%	22.94%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT. (Reg)	\$37,707	\$38,015	\$38,049	\$39,190	3.00%	1.44%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$563,994	\$310,319	\$330,265	\$296,906	-10.10%	10.93%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT. (Sp)	\$41,400	\$20,722	\$28,745	\$23,000	-19.99%	0.85%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$1,199,024	\$944,338	\$940,515	\$982,472	4.46%	36.16%
SAU #29	\$109,448	\$109,448	\$109,125	\$115,689	6.02%	4.26%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,782,431	\$2,443,397	\$2,604,429	\$2,716,905	4.32%	100.00%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL	\$2,782,431	\$2,443,397	\$2,604,429	\$2,716,905	4.32%	100.00%

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED 2004-2005	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8 - 152 Students Projected)						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$453,990	\$432,674	\$505,202	\$520,861		
Benefits	\$182,167	\$184,424	\$189,689	\$207,735		
Repair Equipment	\$1,500	\$457	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Conservation Camp	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,500		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$28,796	\$20,171	\$28,201	\$26,259		
Equipment	\$200	\$0	\$1,300	\$200		
Furniture	\$1,500	\$654	\$1,625	\$1,212		
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$667,353	\$639,581	\$728,717	\$759,267	4.19%	27.95%
EXTRACURRICULAR						
Salaries & Benefits	\$8,852	\$8,061	\$11,419	\$11,419		
Assemblies/Officials	\$4,150	\$4,110	\$5,400	\$5,450		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$2,375	\$1,807	\$5,026	\$2,458		
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$15,377	\$13,978	\$21,845	\$19,327	-11.53%	0.71%
SCHOOL SERVICES						
Attendance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Guidance	\$56,732	\$40,136	\$50,631	\$38,769		
Health	\$21,497	\$21,276	\$23,534	\$32,620		
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$78,229	\$61,412	\$74,165	\$71,389	-3.74%	2.63%

	SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S				% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	PROPOSED 2004-2005		
STAFF DEVELOPMENT						
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$4,020	\$2,929	\$3,220	\$5,544		
Course Reimbursement	\$4,500	\$1,114	\$5,500	\$5,500		
Staff Development	\$2,400	\$4,043	\$2,400	\$2,520		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$967	\$519	\$899	\$799		
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$11,887	\$8,605	\$12,019	\$14,363	19.50%	0.53%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA						
Salary & Benefits	\$34,315	\$33,317	\$36,977	\$38,194		
Media Membership	\$924	\$942	\$918	\$756		
Library Books & Supplies	\$5,065	\$4,041	\$5,990	\$4,585		
Equipment/Software	\$1,500	\$1,011	\$1,750	\$1,750		
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$41,804	\$39,311	\$45,635	\$45,285	-0.77%	1.67%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS						
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,490	\$2,336	\$2,490	\$2,891		
Legal/Audit Services	\$5,900	\$1,482	\$900	\$5,900		
Other School District Expenses	\$830	\$798	\$830	\$800		
School Board Association	\$2,350	\$2,349	\$2,350	\$2,500		
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$11,570	\$6,965	\$6,570	\$12,091	84.03%	0.45%

	SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S				
	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	PROPOSED 2004-2005	% CHANGE % TOTAL BUDGET
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION					
Principal's Salary	\$59,629	\$59,629	\$62,610	\$65,741	
Secretary's Salary	\$17,940	\$17,838	\$20,250	\$21,263	
Benefits	\$22,727	\$20,188	\$23,438	\$25,274	
Management Development	\$1,000	\$631	\$1,000	\$2,000	
Copier Maintenance	\$3,800	\$3,239	\$3,800	\$4,250	
Telephone	\$8,600	\$3,664	\$4,536	\$4,536	
Postage	\$1,200	\$672	\$1,212	\$1,212	
Supplies/Misc.	\$3,674	\$2,610	\$3,997	\$3,270	
Equipment/Furniture	\$1,500	\$1,832	\$1,350	\$150	
Professional Dues	\$750	\$723	\$825	\$900	
Software	\$1,000	\$480	\$1,055	\$1,045	
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$121,820	\$111,507	\$124,073	\$129,641	4.49%
					4.77%
BUILDING SERVICES					
Salaries	\$28,192	\$30,627	\$32,205	\$34,483	
Benefits	\$17,011	\$9,067	\$10,064	\$10,751	
Rubbish Removal	\$4,100	\$3,672	\$4,100	\$4,100	
Repairs to Building	\$20,000	\$21,567	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Maintenance Services	\$9,500	\$10,574	\$10,200	\$11,590	
SMP Insurance	\$6,000	\$6,618	\$7,500	\$7,500	
Supplies/Materials	\$7,000	\$7,018	\$7,000	\$7,750	
Electricity	\$13,623	\$13,252	\$13,895	\$13,895	
Oil/Gas	\$11,657	\$12,792	\$13,037	\$14,287	
Equipment & Repair	\$350	\$0	\$350	\$400	
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$117,433	\$115,186	\$118,351	\$124,756	5.41%
					4.59%

SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S					
	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	PROPOSED 2004-2005	% CHANGE % TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION					
Regular Elementary	\$83,930	\$85,598	\$88,782	\$91,445	
Athletic	\$2,018	\$2,413	\$2,079	\$2,141	
Field Trips	\$3,040	\$2,649	\$3,132	\$3,226	
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT:	\$88,988	\$90,660	\$93,993	\$96,812	3.00% 3.56%
FUND TRANSFERS					
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$12,618	\$12,618	\$13,223	\$0	
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$8,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$28,000	
Transfer to Food Services	\$42,000	\$10,056	\$42,000	\$42,000	
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$67,618	\$27,674	\$88,223	\$70,000	-20.66% 2.58%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$1,222,079	\$1,114,879	\$1,313,591	\$1,342,931	2.23% 49.43%
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	
Bond Interest	\$13,922	\$13,922	\$10,829	\$7,735	
Interest on Cat.Aid Borrowing	\$5,743	\$7,898	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$74,665	\$76,820	\$65,829	\$62,735	-4.70% 2.31%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$1,296,744	\$1,191,698	\$1,379,420	\$1,405,666	1.90% 51.74%

SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S						
	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	PROPOSED 2004-2005	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$118,218	\$86,753	\$90,997	\$124,578		
Benefits	\$48,410	\$29,739	\$33,140	\$33,140		
OT/PT/Vision/Audiology	\$7,906	\$7,841	\$10,400	\$9,100		
Supplies/Equipment/Mileage	\$1,871	\$1,206	\$2,145	\$1,425		
Pre-School Tuition	\$2,100	\$2,960	\$2,100	\$3,480		
Elementary/MS Out-of-District Tuition	\$0	\$40,374	\$18,358	\$15,905		
Tuition-Summer Programs	\$5,170	\$0	\$3,500	\$0		
Psychology	\$18,240	\$11,262	\$18,000	\$18,000		
Speech	\$16,700	\$23,709	\$23,300	\$24,450		
Elementary Special Transportation	\$0	\$14,791	\$10,000	\$6,000		
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$218,615	\$218,634	\$204,114	\$236,078	15.66%	8.69%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST						
	\$1,515,359	\$1,410,332	\$1,583,534	\$1,641,744	3.68%	60.43%
HIGH SCHOOL						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS						
Keene High School 81 students @ \$7,696	\$555,923	\$575,283	\$543,456	\$623,376		
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$555,923	\$575,283	\$543,456	\$623,376	14.71%	22.94%

	SCHOOL BOARD'S & BUDGET COMMITTEE'S				% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
	BUDGET 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	PROPOSED 2004-2005		
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$37,707	\$38,015	\$38,049	\$39,190		
TOTAL HS TRANSPORT.	\$37,707	\$38,015	\$38,049	\$39,190	3.00%	1.44%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$593,630	\$613,298	\$581,505	\$662,566	13.94%	24.39%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition (14 students @ \$13,644)	\$227,124	\$226,084	\$224,791	\$191,016	-15.03%	7.03%
Special Instr. Transportation	\$41,400	\$20,722	\$28,745	\$23,000		
Tuition - High School Collaborative	\$63,000	\$37,001	\$38,000	\$32,122		
(2 student - TNT program)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,164		
Tutoring - High School	\$232,470	\$24,779	\$38,729	\$40,604		
High School Out-of-District						
(3 Students)	\$0	\$1,733	\$0	\$0		
Psych Counseling						
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL INSTRUC.	\$563,994	\$310,319	\$330,265	\$296,906	-10.10%	10.93%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$1,157,624	\$923,616	\$911,770	\$959,472	5.23%	35.31%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$109,448	\$109,448	\$109,125	\$115,689	6.02%	4.26%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,782,431	\$2,443,397	\$2,604,429	\$2,716,905	4.32%	100.00%
PRIOR YEAR DEFICIT APPROP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,782,431	\$2,443,397	\$2,604,429	\$2,716,905	4.32%	100.00%

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003
Westmoreland School District**

Summary

Cash on hand July 1, 2002 (Treasurer's bank balance)	123,360.62
Received from Selectmen (include amounts actually received)	1,832,990.00
Current Appropriation	
Deficit Appropriation	
Balance of Previous Appropriations	
Advance of Next Year's Appropriations	
Revenue from State Sources	816,395.48
Revenue from Federal Sources	
Received from Tuitions	17,431.66
Received as Income from Trust Funds	362.96
Received from Sales of Notes and Bonds (Principal Only)	
Received from Capital Reserve Funds	
Received from all Other Sources	69,411.35
Total Receipts	<u>2,736,591.75</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance and Receipts)	2,859,952.37
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	<u>(2,764,910.38)</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2003 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	<u>95,041.99</u>
<u>Dec. 31, 2003</u> Date	<u>Suzanne DeKoe</u> District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, voucher, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Westmoreland of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and find them correct in all respects.

Date: Jan 22, 2004 Auditor(s) J. G. LaBarr

GIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON OTHER SIDE

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7/02 – 6/03	Town of Westmoreland	Appropriation	1,832,990.00
	State of New Hampshire	Education Grant	553,670.00
	State of New Hampshire	Cat Aid	183,538.01
	State of New Hampshire	Medicaid	18,647.82
	State of New Hampshire	Miscellaneous	60,539.65
	Granite Bank	Interest	1,169.87
	NHPDIP	Interest	886.95
	Westmoreland School	School Lunch	32,420.50
	Barbara Messer	Health Insurance	5,693.76
	Miscellaneous	Various	47,035.19

TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR 2,736,591.75

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

March 14, 2003

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters having met at the time and place mentioned in the warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Peter Heed, at 11:00 a.m. The school warrant and Article 1 were read by the Moderator and after he declared the polls open, voting commenced. The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. The ballots were then counted and the results of the elections are as follows:

For the District Moderator for the ensuing year:
Peter Heed -258 votes and declared elected

For Two Members of the School Board for the ensuing three years:
Michael Acerno -189 votes and declared elected
Ian Hurley -164 votes and declared elected

For School District Auditor for the ensuing one year:
Joanne LaBarre -11 votes and declared elected

For School District Treasurer for the ensuing one year:
Susan DeLuca -232 votes and declared elected

For School District Clerk for the ensuing one year:
Gail Ainsworth -250 votes and declared elected

383 voters of the registered 985 voted.

The annual Westmoreland School District Meeting was called to order by Moderator Peter Heed on Friday, March 14, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland School. After the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem, the Moderator reviewed the rules and procedure of acting upon one amendment before moving on to the next amendment.

Mr. Peter Heed introduced the administration from the S.A.U.: Dr. Phillip McCormack, Mr. Timothy Ruehr, Mr. Wayne Woolridge and the Westmoreland School Principal, Mr. William Gurney.

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or offices chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Motion by Stuart Adams that the District receive the reports of the agents, auditors, committees, or offices chosen as printed in the annual report. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Madeline Ullrich.

No discussion.

Article 1 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Pat Bentrup that the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,586,206 for the support of schools, for the salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the statutory obligations of the District. Motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Acerno.

No discussion.

Article 2 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$5,000 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2003, to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Said appropriation to be funded from any excess unreserved funds over \$33,000, which is available on June 30, 2003. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Stuart Adams that the District appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$5,000 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2003, to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Said appropriation to be funded from any excess unreserved funds over \$33,000, which is available on June 30, 2003. Motion was seconded by Madeline Ullrich.

No discussion.

Article 3 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$13,223 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2003, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions, or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2003 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 3 (Capital Reserve transfer), Article 3 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Stuart Adams that the District appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to \$13,223 of its unencumbered funds, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2003, to the Special Education/High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions, or to take any other action in relation thereto. If there is an insufficient undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2003 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 3 (Capital Reserve transfer), Article 3 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article. Motion seconded by Madeline Ullrich.

No discussion.

Article 4 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Whereas NH School Districts face ever tightening budgets; and Whereas NH School Districts are finding it increasingly difficult to raise and appropriate sufficient dollars on the local level to provide their students a quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing federal mandates have placed an undue and heavy financial burden on local school district budgets:

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the District vigorously oppose any and all unfunded and under funded federal educational mandates including, but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted No Child Left Behind Law, as well as those mandates historically unfunded within the IDEA/Special Education Laws. *(The Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Budget Committee support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

Motion by Stuart Adams that the District approve the following statement and alert state and federal lawmakers to the concerns expressed in the statement regarding unfunded and under funded mandates.

Whereas NH School Districts are finding it increasingly difficult to raise and appropriate sufficient dollars on the local level to provide their students a quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing federal mandates have placed an undue and heavy financial burden on local school district budgets:

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the District vigorously oppose any and all unfunded and under funded federal educational mandates including, but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted No Child Left Behind Law, as well as those mandates historically unfunded within the IDEA/Special Education Laws.

Motion seconded by Madeline Ullrich.

No discussion.

Article 5 passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Stuart Adams to transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Madeline Ullrich.

Michael Acerno, on behalf of the school board, presented Madeline Ullrich with a plant in appreciation of her work on the school board.

Motion by Stuart Adams and seconded by Madeline Ullrich to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Gail Ainsworth, Clerk
Westmoreland School District

A True Copy Attest

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

This year marks the second anniversary of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation. This is a significant piece of federal legislation that will continue to have a tremendous impact on what and how we do what we do in schools, how we will measure it, and how we will be held accountable for student performance. Conceptually, I strongly believe this legislation has many positive aspects that have the potential to result in school improvement. However, there are significant problems related to several components of this legislation. These include: (1) funding needed to comply with the law; (2) the strict reliance on a paper/pencil test as the sole measure of student performance; and (3) the sanctions that can be imposed on schools which do not meet federal standards.

The NCLB legislation has placed requirements on schools to which the Westmoreland Elementary School has responded relatively well. One of the requirements relates to attainment of prescribed scores on the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program (NHEIAP). Schools are required to meet adequate yearly progress as defined by the percentage of students scoring at "Basic" or better in English and mathematics. Scores must reflect that at least 60 percent of the students scored at this level in English and 64 percent in mathematics. Westmoreland's third grade students' scores show 64 percent in English language arts and 86 percent in mathematics scoring at the prescribed level. Sixth grade students' scores show 63 percent and 69 percent, respectively. Although students met the adequate yearly progress level, performance in English (at both grade levels), in particular, needs to be improved.

Academic assessment based on test scores is valid and helpful. However, one of my concerns with this legislation is the strict reliance on one measure of student performance. Although not as easily measured on a paper/pencil test, things such as student effort, classroom success, student involvement in co-curricular activities or community service are also indicators of student performance and should be given consideration.

As mentioned above, classroom performance should also be taken into consideration. In addition to the fact that overall tenth grade scores show that Keene High School met the adequate yearly progress standard, the performance of Westmoreland's students at Keene High School is also worthy of mention. Last year there were 99 students at Keene High School. Relative areas of strength include English, social studies, and science where 76, 57 and 73 percent, respectively, of the students earned grades of "B" or better. Also worthy of note is the fact that 78 percent of the students enrolled in honors or Advanced Placement classes in the core subject areas earned grades of "B" or better. This was true of 100 percent of those students enrolled in an honors or Advanced Placement English class.

Another factor that I believe reflects on the quality of a school is the level of community support and involvement. A school's success is highly contingent upon this. If this were one of the criterion used to assess adequate yearly progress, Westmoreland would score very high. Volunteerism in the classroom, in school projects, or on committees remains high. This has resulted in wonderful learning opportunities for students, improvements to the facility (inside and out), and a positive school-community relationship. On behalf of the staff at the school, I sincerely thank all who have been involved in the school.

There are two issues that the staff and school board are monitoring. The first relates to the continuing trend of declining enrollment. There was a reduction of 19 students (12 percent) this year. An additional loss of 10 more students (7 percent) is projected for next year. This has an impact on the number of staff and the staffing pattern at the school.

The second issue relates to funding -- what appears to be an ongoing problem in New Hampshire. The revision to the state's funding plan has had a significant impact on Westmoreland, as well as several other districts in SAU 29. Combined with the unfunded and underfunded mandates within NCLB and special education, this issue is becoming more problematic. Unfortunately, this year Westmoreland lost its Title I funds. These federal funds have been used for years to pay for remedial services for children in reading and math. Eligibility for these funds is based on the poverty level as determined by the federal census.

To combat some of the issues around funding, the staff has relied heavily on other federal sources to pay for things like professional training activities for staff and the purchase of technology equipment for the library and classrooms. Community involvement is needed to address school funding. Please take the opportunity to talk with your state and federal delegation about the impact that unfunded mandates and cuts to education funding have on the school. Also please plan to attend the annual district meeting on Friday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. This will provide you with the opportunity to discuss these issues as they relate to the proposed school budget and programming at the school.

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are enjoying another good year at Westmoreland School. As of January 6, 2004, our current enrollment is 140 students and our class sizes are:

K	12	3	11	6	14
1	17	4	13	7	14
2	14	5	20	8	25

Our projected enrollment for the next school year is 128. We have witnessed a period of declining student population during the last few years. However, we continue to field competitive athletic teams and maintain important extracurricular programs.

Academics

We have worked hard this year to fulfill the requirements of *No Child Left Behind*. Our students made gains in the New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program. Our school was determined by the N.H. Department of Education to have made adequate yearly progress. This year, teachers have worked hard to analyze our curriculum and bring our courses into alignment with other schools in SAU 29. This challenging prospect will enable us to ensure that our students will continue to be prepared for Keene High School, as well as meet new standards being developed at the state level. Our students participated in Math Counts activities, and Jonathan White represented our school at the regional level of the *National Geographic* Geography Bee. Ian Seraichick was named Salutatorian and Mike Remy was Valedictorian for our eighth grade class last spring.

Athletics

We enjoyed a positive soccer season with a number of dramatic games. Rai Fedorowicz coached our girls' team and Brenda Shelley coached the boys. Our annual tournament was organized by the Sports Boosters and led by Kim Brown, Cindy Richard and Dave Shelley. Our girls' basketball team, led by Darcy Smith and Cindy Richard, remains undefeated in league play, and the boys, coached by Dave Shelley and John Starkey, are improving steadily. Last spring, our baseball and softball teams played well with coaching from Joe Manzoli and Paul Deschenes.

New Faculty

We welcomed new staff and faculty this year. Meredith Cargill replaced Julie Shaffer as our fifth grade teacher. Meredith was on the faculty of Keene State College last year and is currently completing a Master's degree in Education Administration. Meredith and her family are residents of Westmoreland. Leo Blair was elected as our new special education teacher. Leo has worked primarily in Vermont and is a resident of Chesterfield. Marcia Oster has joined us to offer instrumental and chorus instruction once a week. Sue Castor, Brenda Shelley and Beth Bergmann have joined our faculty as aides.

Technology

Our use of technology continues to increase at a rapid pace. All the computers in our library were replaced last spring with funding provided by a federal grant. The older computers were re-distributed to classrooms. We now have more than 40 computers available for staff and student use. Rob Stack has improved our web page and more information can be found about school activities at www.sau29.k12.nh.us/westmoreland on the web. We have added a page for school board agendas and minutes and also a page to be activated in case of emergency. Debbie Nelson continues to hone her desktop publishing skills and we have expanded our publishing efforts to include student writings and *The Westmorelander*. We received federal assistance for the purchase of a color printer to improve the quality of our newsletters and a digital projector for middle school math instruction.

Community Day

Our staff/community day was enjoyed by our families and faculty. Karen Sullivan developed a field day format that gave us an opportunity to enjoy non-competitive games. Volunteers gathered litter along Glebe Road and the afternoon concluded with a picnic lunch. Plans are in the works for both a staff/community day and the return of the PTA-sponsored Fun Run this spring.

Facilities

We had a very busy summer at Westmoreland School. In July, volunteers, led by Jim Myers and Kelly Goodrich, installed a drainage system for our playing fields. The drainage project was completed in the fall with the addition of cisterns and piping along the front of the school to collect and divert surface water. The installation of a new walkway and relocation of the flagpole completed the project. Much of the labor and equipment used in this project was donated by the Wilkes family.

Other projects completed this year include the installation of a new drinking fountain in the lobby, upgrading of kitchen counters, an overhaul of the heating and hot water systems, installation of a convection oven, and painting the middle school exterior.

Volunteers

The growth of volunteerism at Westmoreland School has been overwhelming and is greatly appreciated. We are blessed with a great number of parents and community members willing to share their time, materials, equipment and expertise to improve our school. People helping to improve the school facilities included Stuart Adams, the Ingram family, Kyle Keith, Gary Gray, Doug Oakley, Chris Keyes and Harry Nelson. Other folks have spent many hours working with students including Beth Martin, Carla Mansfield, Rosalind Jolley, Gary Pelton, Dawn Merrill and Missy Kritzer. Lori Ingram, president of the PTA, has provided great leadership to keep the organization focused on improving the quality of our school. Susanne Bates continues to lead our Cultural Arts Committee and New Hampshire Dance Institute program. Several companies have been generous with building materials, equipment and supplies. I would like to thank Sherwin Williams of Keene, Windyhurst Farm, Ingram Construction, Wilkes Construction Co. and Cold River Materials of Walpole for their generosity.

On behalf of the families and faculty of our school, I wish to extend our gratitude to the Westmoreland community for an outstanding commitment to local education.

William B. Gurney
Principal

STAFF

William Gurney	Principal
Debra Nelson	Secretary
Nancy Belsky	Grade 7
Leo Blair	Special Education
Jay Bowks	World Language
Meredith Cargill	Grade 5
Leslie Carlson	Grade 2
Paul Deschenes, Jr.	Grade 8
Karen Durling	Grade 4
Christopher Keyes	Grade 6
Maria Martinez	Kindergarten
Mee Yin Morrison	Art
Nancy Newton	Reading Specialist
Marcia Oster	Music
Laurie Perreault	Grade 1
Stacy Riendeau	Grade 3
Robert Stack	Media Generalist
Karen Sullivan	Physical Ed./Health
Amy Treat	Guidance Counselor
Kim Wallach	Music
Karen Brunjes	Speech/Language Therapist
Sandra Swinburne	School Psychologist
Jeanne Symonds	Education Evaluator
Carol White	Certified Occup. Therapy Asst.
Susanne Bates	Reading Tutor
Beth Bergmann	Special Education Tutor
Susan Castor	Special Education Tutor
A. David Diccio	Special Education Tutor
Porschia Mason	Regular Education Tutor
Mary Mullen LaValley.	Special Education Tutor
Brenda Shelley	Special Education Tutor
Kathy Sportello	Special Education Tutor
Cindy Wood	School Nurse
Laura Kraus	School Lunch
John Beecher	Custodian

HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

August – December, 2003

The health office is under new management this year. I began work as school nurse starting September 8, 2003. I am in the office each day from 8:45 a.m. to 2:40 p.m., except every other Wednesday when I am serving as school nurse at John D. Perkins Elementary School in Marlow, NH.

The health office has been a busy place this fall. As in previous years, we are working with Cheshire Smiles to offer a weekly fluoride rinse program. Thirty-six children in grades one through four are participating. Cheshire Smiles will be back in March to conduct dental screenings and coordinate care for eligible students.

Heights and weights of all children have been recorded. There is a new initiative called AFHY, Advocates for Healthy Youth, that is collecting this data from area schools to determine the level of childhood obesity in the region. A speaker recently addressed our faculty and staff about the various programs available to promote fitness and healthy lifestyle choices.

Three cases of head lice resulted in 364 head checks this fall.

The annual immunization review, required by the State of New Hampshire, resulted in 100 percent compliance with state immunization requirements in the audited classes.

The Germ Busters curriculum was offered to every class in the school during their guidance period in December in preparation for cold and flu season. This creative and effective handwashing lesson was fun for everyone as they learned how to avoid sharing and catching germs in school. Faculty and staff had an annual review of blood-borne pathogens.

Annual screenings for hearing and vision for all students began this fall and will continue in the spring, along with scoliosis screenings for children ages 10 and up. Puberty classes will be offered in conjunction with the health curriculum in the spring.

Health office visits for illness or injury during August through December totaled 904. There were also 158 diabetic visits, as well as one or more faculty/staff visits per day. Over the counter medications were administered approximately 300 times during the fall. At the present time, we have no daily oral prescription medications being taken at school.

Sports physicals were provided by Dr. Sutton in the early fall.

Other activities in the health office include stocking first aid kits, ordering medical supplies, meeting with parents and faculty about children with health concerns, and being a resource to the school community to the best of my ability. This fall I have attended all-day conferences about crisis intervention and diabetes.

During the spring semester, several faculty and staff members will be participating in a weight loss challenge. I also hope to work with students and their families on the topic of healthy food choices, both in school and outside of school. It has already been, and promises to be a great year in the health office.

Cindy Wood, RN, BSN

FOOD SERVICES REPORT

We have been pleased with student and staff participation in our breakfast and lunch programs. Our kitchen had a wonderful facelift over the holiday vacation. Much needed new countertops were installed and we were able to purchase a used convection oven that should help to cook our lunches faster, more evenly, and maintain proper serving temperature for a longer period of time. Repairs have been made to our dishwasher and hot water system as well.

In November, I participated in "Serve Safe" training, which will be required by all food service managers by May, 2004. We were then tested and certified by the New Hampshire Health Department. I am happy to say that I passed with flying colors and will be certified for the next five years. The course was very interesting and touched on most of the safety measures that are to be taken when handling, cooking, and storing food items. We learned about safe temperatures, bacteria, and, of course, cleanliness.

Our participation numbers are up and we have again added a few new items that have all seemed to be a big hit. Keeping our children happy and healthy are our priorities. If you have any ideas or would like to discuss our lunch program, please visit me in the kitchen. I hope for continued success and your input is very important. Thank you for your support.

Laura Kraus
Kitchen Manager

WESTMORELAND GRADUATES

2004

GRADE 8

Kristin Adler
Jared Barnett
Alexander Bates
Jacqueline Beck
Nicole Bouley
Chelsie Brehm
Heather Castor
Sarah Cooke
Kacy Cox
Marcus Ferenc
Brianna Firenze
Caleb Fissette
Christopher Fyffe
Caroline Hamilton
Kelsey Huckins
Margaret Krochmal
Clair Larsen
Douglas McKenna
Paige Mills
Kelsey Myers
Thomas Rawling
Christopher Shelley
Andrea Thompson
Brenna Thompson
Jonathan White

GRADE 12

Brittney Aguiar
Jeffrey Balduzzi
Calen Barnett
Robert Callahan
Eli Cox
Benjamin Davis
Amber Dennie
Edward Duke
Jillian Fontaine
Kari Freyenhagen
Crystal Giglio
Daniel Hamilton
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Rebecca Hatt
Steven Lotkowski
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